

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 716
(To be answered on the 21st November 2019)**

DEVELOPMENT OF AIRSTRIP IN VELLORE

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has taken steps to develop the airstrip located at Vellore in Tamil Nadu as full-fledged airport ;
(b) if so, the details thereof; and
(c) whether the Government has taken any step for night landing facilities for aircrafts in Tuticorin and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of State (IC) in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(Shri Hardeep Singh Puri)

(a) & (b): Airports Authority of India (AAI) has taken up the following works for development of Vellore airport under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) UDAN-2 with project cost of Rs. 32.52 Crore:

- i. Construction of runway, taxiway and apron**
- ii. Construction of pre-fabricated terminal building, substation building and electric & associated works.**

(c): Night landing facility has been provided at Tuticorin Airport. However, the runway length is not adequate to handle big aircraft. AAI has initiated process for augmentation of runway length of the airport from the existing 1350 x 30 meters to 3115 x 45 meters to make it suitable for bigger aircraft.
