

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 915
(To be answered on the 17th September 2020)**

AVIATION INFRASTRUCTURE IN INDIA

915. SHRI D.K. SURESH

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

माननीय विमानतल मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has taken note that a well-managed civil aviation infrastructure in India can bring down transport and communication costs, promote commercial and cultural activities, create jobs and ultimately unite people and markets;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any measures to put in place technologically advanced airlines to compete with today's globalized world; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

माननीय विमानतल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)

(Shri Hardeep Singh Puri)

(a) Yes, Sir. The Government agrees that a well-managed civil aviation infrastructure in India can bring down transport and communication costs, promote commercial and cultural activities, create jobs and ultimately unite people and markets.

(b), (c) & (d) Efforts being made to facilitate development of a well-managed civil aviation infrastructure and to enable our airlines to be technologically advanced include, inter alia:

1. Promoting private investments in existing and new airports through the Public Private Partnership (PPP).
2. Enabling improvement in air navigation infrastructure at Indian airports.
3. Route rationalisation in coordination with Indian Air Force for efficient airspace management, shorter routes and reduced consumption of aviation fuel.
4. GST rate reduced to 5% for domestic Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul

(MRO) services.

- 5. Encouraging paperless handling of passengers at airports using biometrics and digital boarding passes to adhere to health norms and enhance efficiency of passenger flow management.**
- 6. Encouraging greater use of digital technology at air cargo terminals to enhance efficiency and reduce dwell times.**
- 7. Encouraging leading aircraft and component manufacturers to enhance their design, manufacturing, maintenance and warehousing footprint in India.**
