

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 740  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021)  
DEVELOPMENT OF AIR INFRASTRUCTURE**

**740. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA  
SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is making any efforts to strengthen the basic infrastructure of Air Service in the States across the country;  
(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and  
(c) whether any work is being done in Gujarat also to strengthen basic infrastructure of Air Service and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री**

**(GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))**

(a) to (c): The Government has taken several steps to strengthen the basic air service infrastructure in the country which inter alia includes:-

(i) AAI has taken up development of new airports and expansion/ upgradation of existing airports with an investment pipeline of Rs. 25,000 crores in next 4-5 years which includes expansion and modification of existing terminals, setting up new terminals, expansion or strengthening of existing runways, aprons, Airport Navigation Services (ANS), control towers, technical blocks etc. AAI has undertaken development and expansion works at 50 airports including Rajkot, Surat and Vadodara in Gujarat.

(ii) Three Public Private Partnership (PPP) airports at Delhi, Hyderabad and Bengaluru have undertaken major expansion plan to the tune of Rs. 30,000 Crores by 2025. Additionally, Rs. 36,000 Crores have been planned for investment in the development of new Greenfield airports across the country under PPP mode.

**(iii) Government of India (GoI) has accorded 'in principle' approval for setting up of 21 Greenfield Airports across the country. So far, eight Greenfield airports namely, Sindhudurg and Shirdi in Maharashtra, Durgapur in West Bengal, Pakyong in Sikkim, Kannur in Kerala, Orvakal in Andhra Pradesh, Kalaburagi in Karnataka and Kushinagar in Uttar Pradesh have been operationalized.;**

**(iv) Under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN), as on date, 393 routes have commenced connecting 62 unserved/underserved airports, including 2 water aerodromes and 6 heliports.**

**(v) Goods and Services Tax (GST) rate reduced to 5% from 18% for domestic Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) services.**

**(vi) A conducive aircraft leasing and financing environment has been enabled.**

**(vii) The Freighter aircraft deployed by Indian carriers has increased from 7 in 2018 to 28 in 2021. As a result of Government proactive actions share of Indian carriers in international freighter movements increased from 2% to 19% over last two years.**

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