

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1543  
(To be answered on the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022)**

**AIRPORTS IN PUDUCHERRY AND TAMIL NADU**

**1543. SHRI RAVIKUMAR D.**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to expand the Puducherry airport and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the Government's position over the demand of establishing airports in every district of Tamil Nadu; and
- (c) whether new airports are proposed to be set up in the State of Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**(Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia)**

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(a) Upgradation/Modernisation of airports is a continuous process and is undertaken by Airports Authority of India(AAI) from time to time depending on the availability of land, commercial viability, socio-economic considerations, traffic demand / willingness of airlines to operate to/from such airports. For expansion of Puducherry Airport, AAI has projected the land requirement of 425 acre (151.5 acre in Phase I for operation of ATR 72/Q 400 type of aircraft and 273.5 acre in Phase-II for operation of A-320 type of aircraft) to UT administration.

(b) & (c) The Government of India has formulated the Greenfield policy for construction of Greenfield airport, for which the State Government / airport operator has to identify suitable site(s) and get the feasibility study conducted for construction of airport. The application is then sent to Ministry of Civil Aviation in prescribed format for site clearance and in-principle approval by steering committee. The State Government of Tamil Nadu has identified 4 new potential sites namely Thiruporur, Parandur, Padalam and Pannur near Chennai for development of greenfield airport.

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