

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3026
(To be answered on the 4th August 2022)**

AIRPORTS IN ANDHRA PRADESH

3026. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) the number of new airports constructed and upgraded during the last five years in the State of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) the funds spent by the Government in this regard; and
- (c) the number of new passengers likely to be benefited by these new airports?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

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(a): The upgradation/modernisation of airports is a continuous process and is undertaken by Airports Authority of India (AAI) and other airport operators 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 etc.

In the last five years, a Greenfield airport at Orvakal (Kurnool) in Andhra Pradesh has been constructed and operationalized in 2021. Besides, five existing airports namely, Vijayawada, Tirupati, Rajahmundry, Vizag and Kadapa have been upgraded in last five years in Andhra Pradesh .

(b): Oravkal (Kurnool) Greenfield airport has been constructed at an estimated cost of Rs. 187 crore by State Government of Andhra Pradesh. Till June 2022, Airports Authority of India has incurred an expenditure of Rs. 134 crore at Vijayawada airport, Rs. 131 crore at Tirupati airport, Rs. 5 crore at Rajahmundry airport, Rs. 60 crore at Vizag airport and Rs. 55 crore at Kadapa airport for upgradation of these airports.

(c): With the construction of new Greenfield airport at Orvakal (Kurnool) and upgradation of five existing airports in Andhra Pradesh, total passenger handling capacity of these airports is around 10 Million Passenger Per Annum (MPPA). Thus, approximately 10 million passengers are expected to be benefited from these airports.
