

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
Lok Sabha
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2838
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 8th August 2024)
SOLID AIRPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether it is true that there is a need of solid airport infrastructure to support the appetite for travel and fleet expansion plans in the country; and**
- (b) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION
(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) & (b): The air traffic at Indian airports has shown remarkable growth and India is one of the fastest growing aviation markets in the world. Further, Modernisation and development of infrastructure facilities at the existing airports is a continuous process, which is undertaken by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) or the Airport Operators/Developers concerned depending upon traffic demand, commercial feasibility, operational requirements for safety of aircraft operation and demand from airlines etc. Development works are taken up in a phased manner depending upon availability of land and viability, as well as other facilities with reference to intended aircraft operations.;

The Government has also taken various steps for the development of airport infrastructure, which, inter-alia, include grant of In-Principle' approval for construction of new Greenfield airports, upgradation and modernisation of existing airports by AAI, Development/revival of unserved/underserved airports under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh Ka Aam

Nagrik) and promoting private investments in existing and new airports through the Public Private Partnership (PPP).;

So far, Gol has accorded 'In-Principle' approval for setting up of 21 Greenfield Airports across the country. Out of which, 12 Greenfield airports viz. Durgapur, Shirdi, Kannur, Pakyong, Kalaburagi, Orvakal (Kurnool), Sindhudurg, Kushinagar, Itanagar, Mopa, Shivamogga and Rajkot have become operational.;

To improve the aviation industry in the country, Airports Authority of India and PPP Partners have embarked upon a CAPEX plan of more than Rs. 91000 crore during FY 2019-20 to FY 2024-25, Out of this, more than Rs. 25000 crore capital expenditure is being incurred by AAI and the remaining by private airport operators/developers under PPP mode. Approximate expenditure of Rs. 75000 crore has already been incurred under NIP till June, 2024.;

The total number of operational airports in the country have increased to 157 with capacity to handle more than 530 Millions Passengers Per Annum (MPPA).
