

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 479
(To be answered on the 25th July 2024)**

NEXTGEN AIRPORTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) the details of the Nextgen Airports for Bharat Nirman Initiative being run by the Government to expand the capacity of the airports more than five times in order to manage a billion trips in a year;**
(b) the objectives of the said initiative along with the details of the measures being taken therefor; and
(c) the details of the progress made in this regard?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (c): Upgradation/ Expansion 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.

Expansion of airport infrastructure is being carried out through a number of initiatives such as attracting private players to invest in the sector by way of Public Private Partnership (PPP) process in both Brownfield and Greenfield airports, grant of In-Principle' approval for construction of new Greenfield airports, upgradation and modernisation of existing airports by AAI and development of unserved and underserved airports under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN).

Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) has launched RCS-UDAN on 21.10.2016 to enhance regional air connectivity from unserved and underserved airports in the country and make air travel affordable to the masses. RCS-UDAN has provided stimulus to the aviation sector in the country by, inter alia,

development of airports/heliports/water aerodromes in tier-2 and tier-3 cities. More than 141 lakh passengers have so far flown on RCS flights.

With the above efforts, 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).
