

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 499  
(To be answered on the 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024)**

**DEVELOPMENT OF NEW AIRPORTS**

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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) the number of new airports being developed across the country including Tamil Nadu under current plans of the Government;
- (b) the locations of the said new airports and the expected timelines for their completion;
- (c) the total funds allocated for the construction and the source of funding of these airports;
- (d) the expected economic impact of these new airports on local regions, especially in employment and tourism; and
- (e) whether the Government plans to develop any airports in underserved or remote areas to improve connectivity and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

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(a) to (c): Government of India (GoI) has accorded 'In-Principle' approval for setting up of 21 Greenfield Airports across the country namely Mopa (Project Cost - Rs. 3400 crore) in Goa, Navi Mumbai (Project Cost - Rs. 19646 crore), Shirdi (Project Cost - Rs. 320 crore) and Sindhudurg (Project Cost - Rs. 520 crore) in Maharashtra, Kalaburagi (Project Cost - Rs.175.57 crore), Vijayapura (Project Cost - Rs. 348 crore), Hassan (Project Cost - Rs. 193.65 crore) and Shivamogga (Project Cost - Rs. 449 crore) in Karnataka, Dabra (Gwalior) (Project Cost - Rs. 200 crore) in Madhya Pradesh, Kushinagar (Project Cost - Rs. 448 crore) and Noida (Jewar) (Project Cost - Rs. 10056 crore) in Uttar Pradesh, Dholera (Project Cost - Rs. 1305 crore) and Rajkot (Hirasar) (Project Cost - Rs. 1405 crore) in Gujarat, Karaikal (Project Cost - Rs. 50 crore) in Puducherry, Dagadarthi (Project Cost - Rs. 293 crore), Bhogapuram (Project Cost - Rs. 4727 crore) and Oravakal (Kurnool) (Project Cost - Rs. 187 crore) in Andhra Pradesh, Durgapur (Project Cost - Rs. 670

**crore) in West Bengal, Pakyong (Project Cost - Rs. 553.53 crore) in Sikkim, Kannur (Project Cost - Rs. 2342 crore) in Kerala and Itanagar (Project Cost - Rs. 646 crore) in Arunachal Pradesh, as per Greenfield Airports (GFA) Policy, 2008.**

**Out of these, 12 Greenfield airports viz. Durgapur, Shirdi, Kannur, Pakyong, Kalaburagi, Orvakal (Kurnool), Sindhudurg, Kushinagar, Itanagar, Mopa, Shivamogga and Rajkot (Hirasar) have been operationalised.**

**Besides, GoI has also granted 'Site Clearance' for construction of 9 Greenfield airports namely Alwar in Rajasthan, Singrauli in Madhya Pradesh, Mandi in Himachal Pradesh, Kottayam in Kerala, Puri in Odisha, Doloo in Assam, Parandur in Tamil Nadu, Kota in Rajashtan and Raichur in Karnataka.**

**As per the Greenfield Airports (GFA) Policy, 2008, the responsibility for implementation of the Greenfield airport project including land acquisition, finalisation of project cost and its funding etc. lies with the concerned airport developer or the State Government, as the case may be. The timeline for completion of the airport projects depends upon many factors such as land acquisition, availability of mandatory clearances, financial closure etc.**

**(d): Airports have emerged as a nucleus of economic activities and have multiplier effect on the economy of the State. The linkage between the Civil Aviation Sector and Economic Growth is well recognised.**

**International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) study shows that the air connectivity has an economic multiplier of 3.1 and employment multiplier of 6.1. Further, the development of airports in the Country are expected to significantly boost regional connectivity, stimulate economic growth, and enhance tourism.**

**(e): Ministry of Civil Aviation launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) on 21.10.2016 to stimulate regional air connectivity and make air travel affordable for the masses. UDAN scheme envisages providing connectivity to unserved and underserved airports of the country through revival of the existing airstrips and airports. Under UDAN scheme, 86 unserved and underserved airports (including 13 heliports & 02 water aerodromes) have been operationalised including Salem in Tamil Nadu.**

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