

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2490
(To be answered on the 13th March 2025)**

EXPANSION OF AIRPORTS IN UTTARAKHAND

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government proposes to expand small and medium airports and add new flights to promote tourism in Uttarakhand and enhance connectivity to major pilgrimage sites in the State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the total number of such airports and the locations where the said airports would be established and the timeline for their implementation; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(a) to (c): The expansion and development of infrastructure at airports is a continuous process and is undertaken from time to time depending upon the passenger demand forecast, operation requirements for safety of aircraft operations and demand from airlines depending upon the availability of land, financial viability and as well as other facilities related to intended aircraft operations.

Presently, there are 03 operational airports in Uttarakhand, namely:

1. Dehradun
2. Pantnagar
3. Pithoragarh

Dehradun and Pantnagar are owned and managed by the Airports Authority of India. Pithoragarh Airport is managed by the State Government of Uttarakhand.

For the expansion of Dehradun Airport, AAI has requested 140.5 acres of land from the State government. AAI has also planned for the expansion of Pantnagar Airport, for which 560 acres of land has been requested from the State Govt., out of which 524.78 acres of land has already been handed over. Further, for the expansion of the airport, existing obstacles and infrastructure are required to be removed/ shifted. Once these obstacles are removed/shifted, AAI can take up the expansion work which includes construction of New Terminal Building of area 10,000 sqm, Apron for 05 bays along with Taxiways, Runway extension to cater to Code 4C type of aircrafts, Isolation Bay, Technical Block, ATC Control Tower, Fire Station and other associated facilities.
