

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 4502
(To be answered on the 27th March 2025)**

DEVELOPMENT OF AIRPORTS IN TAMIL NADU

4502. THIRU D M KATHIR ANAND

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has received any request to expedite the completion of pending works of all the airports in Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the reasons for the inordinate delay in completion of works;
- (c) the appropriate steps taken by the Government to expedite the pending works in Chennai, Coimbatore, Madurai, Tiruchirapalli and Thoothukudi airports; and
- (d) the time by which the airports at Vellore and Neyveli would be completed and made operational?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(a) to (c): In Tamil Nadu, the Airports Authority of India (AAI) has undertaken various airport development projects, including the modernization of Chennai Airport, grading of operational area on the southern side of runway and construction of a drainage system at Madurai Airport, construction of an ATC tower-cum-technical block at Tiruchirappalli Airport, and the development of a new terminal building along with runway extension and allied works at Thoothukudi Airport.

The completion timeline for airport projects is dependent on multiple factors, including land acquisition, regulatory clearances, removal of obstacles, and financial closure by the respective airport developers.

The modernization of Chennai Airport has faced delays primarily due to unforeseen natural calamities, including the COVID-19 pandemic, multiple cyclones, and unusually high rainfall.

To ensure timely implementation of airport expansion and modernization projects, regular monitoring is conducted at various levels in the Ministry of Civil Aviation in coordination with relevant stakeholders. The progress of upgradation works and the removal of bottlenecks are systematically tracked to mitigate delays.

(d): The development works at Neyveli and Vellore airports have been completed. The operationalization of these airports depends on several factors, such as regulatory approvals, licensing, operational readiness, etc.
