

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 820
(To be answered on the 24th July 2025)**

NATIONAL AIRPORTS DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) the details of the National Airports Development Plan;**
- (b) the details of the plan of the Government to double the number of airports to 300 by 2047;**
- (c) the details of airstrips in the country, State-wise and the plans of the Airports Authority of India (AAI) to develop the said airstrips into full-scale airports;**
- (d) the current status of the Dagadharti Airport proposed to be developed in Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh;**
- (e) whether the Government has made any assessment regarding projected passenger traffic for 2047;**
- (f) if so, the break-up details of the said projected passenger traffic data between domestic and international sectors; and**
- (g) the details of each airport in the country that has been designated as an international hub?**

ANSWER

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(a) to (c) : Government of India (GoI) has formulated a Greenfield Airports (GFA) Policy, 2008 for development of new Greenfield airports in the country. As per the policy, if any airport developer, including the State Government, desires to develop an airport, they are required to identify a suitable site and get the Pre-feasibility Study conducted for the construction of the airport and submit a proposal to the Central Government.

The Ministry of Civil Aviation launched the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN on October 21, 2016, with the objective of enhancing regional air connectivity and making air travel more affordable for the general public and promoting regional development. 215 RCS airports including 25 water aerodromes & 64 Helipads have been identified for operation of RCS flights.

92 unserved and underserved airports (including 15 heliports & 02 water aerodromes) have been operationalized across the country.

The Government of India approved Rs.4500 Crore for the revival/upgradation of unserved and underserved airports, heliports, and water aerodromes owned by AAI, State Govt., CPSEs, and MoD. Additionally, Rs.1000 Crore has also been approved in Phase-II to revive 50 more airports. Rs.4604 Crore has been spent to date.

More than 153.59 Lakhs passengers benefitted connecting 3.14 Lakhs RCS flights operated under the scheme. This aligns with the vision of the Government for Viksit Bharat by 2047.

(d): Gol has granted 'In-Principle' approval in 2016 for construction of the Greenfield airport, Dagadarthi (Nellore), Andhra Pradesh. Andhra Pradesh Airport Development Corporation Limited (APADCL) has undertaken the development of the airport. Concession agreement was executed between APADCL and Nellore International Airport Private Limited (NIAL) in 2018, which was later terminated by Government of Andhra Pradesh (GoAP).

(e) & (f): The Indian airports taken together are expected to handle about 3000 million Passengers with 300 million international passengers and 2700 million domestic passengers by 2046-47.

(g): No airport in the country has been specifically designated as an international hub.
