

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3013
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 18th December 2025)
EXPANSION OF CHENNAI AIRPORT

3013. THIRU DAYANIDHI MARAN

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether it is true that the Phase-II expansion of Chennai International Airport, originally scheduled for completion by March 2026, has now been pushed to “end-2026 or early 2027” despite repeated assurances of timely completion and allocation of public funds and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) the concrete measures taken by the Government and the Airports Authority of India (AAI) to ensure accelerated completion of the project along with the details of specific timelines, imposition of liquidated damages and interim passenger-traffic management plans to minimise inconvenience;
- (c) the manner in which this delay would impact the ongoing and proposed greenfield airport projects in Tamil Nadu, given overlapping projected passenger volumes and investments; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to issue a formal progress and delay report outlining causes, revised cost estimates, financial implications and accountability for repeated shifting in deadlines and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a): The Airports Authority of India has undertaken the expansion and modernization of Chennai Airport in two phases at a total cost of Rs. 2467 crore. Phase-II involves the development of Terminal-3, which will enhance the airport's capacity to 35 MPPA. The original scheduled timeline of the project was February 2022, which has been revised to June 2026.

(b): To expedite project completion, the Ministry of Civil Aviation and AAI are monitoring progress in real time through CCTV cameras, along with weekly and fortnightly reviews by AAI. Liquidated damages for delays attributable to the executing agency are governed by contract provisions.

(c): The ongoing construction of the new terminal at Chennai Airport is aimed at enhancing the overall capacity of the airport to 35 MPPA and will not have any impact on other ongoing or proposed airport projects in the State of Tamil Nadu. ;

(d): Airport project completion depends on multiple factors such as land acquisition, regulatory clearances, removal of obstacles, and financial closure by the respective airport developers. However, the progress of ongoing projects, including the new terminal at Chennai Airport, is continuously monitored regarding timelines, costs, and milestones.
