

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3291
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 12th March 2026)

GREENFIELD AIRPORT POLICY, 2008

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) the status and number of greenfield airports accorded approval under the Greenfield Airport Policy, 2008 during the last three years across the country, particularly in Maharashtra including Dhule Lok Sabha Constituency;
- b) whether the Government is considering any amendment to the said policy to incorporate sustainability standards such as carbon-neutral terminals and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the present status of ongoing airport development projects in Maharashtra; and
- (d) whether there is any proposal to include Dharashiv (Osmanabad) under the UDAN scheme to promote tourism and improve connectivity in Marathwada region and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a): 'In-Principle' approval under Greenfield Airports (GFA) Policy has been accorded for setting up of three Greenfield airports across the country, viz. Parandur in Tamil Nadu; Puri in Odisha and Kota in Rajasthan during the last three years. Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) has not received any proposal seeking approval under GFA Policy for construction of a Greenfield Airport in Dhule Lok Sabha constituency.

Greenfield airport projects are capital intensive with long gestation periods and the timeline for completion of the airport projects depends upon many factors such as land acquisition, availability of mandatory clearances, financial closure etc.

(b): MoCA has advised all the State Governments/UTs and developers of the upcoming Greenfield airports to work towards achieving Carbon Neutrality & Net Zero.

(c): The expansion and development of airport infrastructure is a continuous process and is undertaken by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) and other Airport Operators from time to time depending on the availability of land, commercial viability, socio-economic considerations, traffic demand and willingness of airlines to operate to/from such airports. In the state of Maharashtra, AAI has taken up works for reconstruction of old Terminal Building at Pune airport and resurfacing of Runways at Juhu Airport. Further, Maharashtra Airport Development Company Ltd. (MADC) has undertaken construction of New Integrated Terminal Building and associated infrastructure at Shirdi International Airport and also development of Ratnagiri airport under RCS-UDAN.

(d): Osmanabad airstrip is available in the tentative list of unserved airstrips/airports in the UDAN document. No bid has been received for Osmanabad till completion of 5 rounds of bidding under UDAN. If any valid bid is received in future for operation of RCS flights connecting this airstrip, the same shall be considered as per UDAN scheme provisions.
