

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 886  
(To be answered on the 21<sup>st</sup> July 2016)**

**COIMBATORE AIRPORT**

**886. SHRI S. SELVAKUMARA CHINNAYAN  
SHRI P. NAGARAJAN**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to bring Coimbatore airport under the purview of Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India (AERA) ;  
(b) if so, the details thereof and the advantages and facilities being granted to Coimbatore airport under AERA;  
(c) whether the passenger movement has gone up by 16.24% against the increase in aircraft movement by 1.12% in Coimbatore airport, if so, the details thereof; and  
(d) whether international passenger movement has gone up 67.66% against aircraft movement by 2.36% at the said airport and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री**

**(Shri Jayant Sinha)**

(a) & (b): As per clause (i) of Section 2 of Airports Economic Regulatory Authority (AERA) Act, 2008, an airport to be treated as major airport when the passenger traffic crossed 1.5 million passengers per annum. Accordingly, for the year 2015-16 Coimbatore airport has surpassed 1.5. million passengers per annum mark and will be treated as major airport. Further, as per clause 13 (a) of AERA Act, tariff for the aeronautical services will be determined by AERA as per the methodology of tariff-working being adopted by it after stakeholders' consultations.

(c) : The passenger movement has gone up by about 18.4% as against the increase in aircraft movement by about 1.4% in Coimbatore airport during 2015-16 over the year 2014-15. During 2015-16, Coimbatore airport handled 1.69 million total passengers as against 1.43 million in 2014-15 and 17935 total aircraft movements as against 17691 during 2014-15.

(d): The international passenger movement has gone up by about 6.7% against international aircraft movement by about 2.4%.

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