

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1889  
(To be answered on the 28<sup>th</sup> July 2022)**

**GROWTH OF AVIATION SECTOR**

**1889. SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO MANE  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA  
SHRI SUBRAT PATHAK  
SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV  
SHRI RAVI KISHAN  
SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA  
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION  
नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) whether India is the fastest growing aviation market in the world and if so, the details thereof along with the special schemes formulated by the Government to boost the aviation market;**  
**(b) whether India is set to become the third largest aviation market of the world by 2024 and if so, the details thereof;**  
**(c) the details of the road map worked out/implemented so far and the future action plan prepared by the Government in this regard;**  
**(d) whether the Government proposes to operationalize all small unserved airports in the country to promote inter-State air travels;**  
**(e) if so, the details thereof and the number of airports identified along with the number of airports on which work is under progress till date; and**  
**(f) the time by which these works are likely to be completed?**

**ANSWER**

**Minister of CIVIL AVIATION  
नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**(Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia)**

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**(a) to (f) Yes Sir. India is one of the fastest growing aviation markets in the world. India is already the 3rd largest domestic aviation market. It may become the third largest overall by 2030.**

**In 2016, the Government released the National Civil Aviation Policy (NCAP 2016), which laid out the vision, mission and key objectives for the sector. It also proposed key action steps covering over 20 aspects of the aviation value chain including: regional connectivity, safety, security, airlines, airports, bilateral traffic rights, code-share agreements, air navigation, helicopters, cargo, manufacturing, maintenance and skill development etc.**

**In order to boost the growth in the aviation sector, the Airports Authority of India (AAI) and private airport companies have taken up the development of new and existing airports with a projected capital expenditure of over Rs 90,000 over the next five years.**

**The Government has accorded 'in-principle' approval for setting up of 21 Greenfield Airports across the country. So far, eight Greenfield airports namely, Sindhudurg and Shirdi in Maharashtra, Durgapur in West Bengal, Pakyong in Sikkim, Kannur in Kerala, Orvakal in Andhra Pradesh, Kalaburagi in Karnataka and Kushinagar in Uttar Pradesh have been operationalized.**

**The Government has approved the 'Revival of unserved and under-served airports' scheme at the total cost of Rs. 4500 crore for the revival and development of 100 unserved and under-served airports of State Governments, Airports Authority of India, Civil Enclaves, Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs), Helipads and Water Aerodromes by 2024. The expenditure incurred up to 30th June 2022 under this scheme is Rs. 2610 crore.**

**The Government launched the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)- UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) In October 2016 to enhance regional air connectivity from unserved and underserved airports in the country by making air travel affordable to the masses. As on 15th July 2022, 425 UDAN routes have been operationalised across the country, connecting 68 UDAN airports including 2 water aerodromes and 8 heliports.**

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