

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1061
(To be answered on the 8th February 2024)**

GROWTH IN AVIATION SECTOR

**1061. SHRI NAYAB SINGH
SHRI VIVEK NARAYAN SHEJWALKAR**

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the nation is witnessing an unprecedented boom in the aviation sector and if so, the details thereof;**
(b) the number of new airports and terminals opened during the last twelve months; and
(c) the total number of operational civil airports in 2013 and at present?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

(GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

(a): Yes, Sir. Before Covid-19 pandemic, India was one of the fastest growing aviation market in the world. During the six-year period i.e. 2014-15 to 2019-20, Indian airports witnessed robust double-digit Compound Annual Growth Rate of 12.4% in terms of total passenger traffic. Post Covid, Indian aviation industry is again on the growth trajectory and the total passenger traffic has recovered to the tune of 96% during 2022-23, as compared to pre-covid.

(b): In the last twelve months, two greenfield airports namely, Rajkot in Gujarat and Shivamogga in Karnataka have been operationalised. In addition, new terminals buildings at Trichy, Ayodhya, Surat, Chennai, Tezu, Kanpur and Port Blair airports have been developed.

(c): Before 2014, there were 74 scheduled operational airports in country and as on date there are 149 operational airports in the country.
