

Upgradation of Airports**[English]**

835. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:
SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY:
SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to expand terminal facilities and other infrastructure at all the airports in the country to meet the growing demands of passengers and cargo traffic;

(b) if so, the total allocation made and the airports which will be upgraded during 1991-92; and

(c) the extent to which the demands of the Passengers would be met?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRIMADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Expansion of terminal and other infrastructural facilities at all the airports is a continuing process and is taken up in a phased manner, depending upon the requirements projected by the operators (Airlines) as well as availability of resources.

(c) The details are as under:-

(i) Extension of Runway and construction of new international block at Ahmedabad Airport.

(ii) Extension of Runway at Bhopal.

(iii) Extension of Runway and construction of new terminal building at Coimbatore Airport.

(iv) Construction of new Civil Air terminal complex at Gwalior. These works are expected to be completed during 1991-92.

(d) Upgradation of these facilities at the above mentioned airports would make it possible for the bigger and modern aircrafts to operate.

Increase in Vayudoot Fares

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the Vayudoot fares in a bid to reduce losses;

(b) if so, the extent to which the fare increase is justified;

(c) the main causes for the losses in the Vayudoot ; and

(d) the corrective steps taken by the Government to make the Vayudoot viable?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRIMADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The main reasons for the losses in Vayudoot are due to:-

1. Uneconomic aircraft
2. short-haul operations
3. unremunerative fare structure
4. excess manpower