

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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UPGRADATION OF AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have prepared a time bound short term plan to develop 24 regional airports in order to upgrade facilities there;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this upgradation plan is to be executed with the participation of private sector;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether non-aerona u tical activities are also planned in and around these airports to increase revenue;
- (f) if so, the details thereof and by when the developmental plan is likely to be executed;
- (g) whether the Government have conducted a survey to review the status of developmental work at various airports; and
- (h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. As part of new initiatives, 24 airports namely, Chatarpati Shivaji International Airport, Mumbai, Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport, Kolkata, Goa, Chennai, Hyderabad, Bhubaneswar, Bangalore, Ahmedabad, Jammu, Trivandrum, Aurangabad, Calicut, Guwahati, Agartala, Coimbatore, Amritsar, Varanasi, Lucknow, Patna, Pune, Ranchi, Jaipur and Udaipur Airports have been indentified for improving aesthetics and upkeeping of terminal building and cityside. A team of officers consisting of Airport Director, Nodal Officer and Nodal Architect have identified various schemes for improving general cleanliness, toilets, flooring, signages, lighting, interior decoration, trollies, air-conditioning, horticulture etc. Some of the schemes will be completed within a span of four months and others within one year.

(c)&(d) Yes, Sir. Airports Authority of India (AAI) proposes to empanel Consultants in various fields to help it in upgrading the facilities at various airports. It has initiated action for appointment of consultants and final list is likely to be prepared having panel of professionals in each field like landscape, interior decorator, road and traffic engineers and acoustic. Private Sector will also be invited for landscaping of airports as per plans of AAI.

(e)&(f) Yes, Sir. Various schemes have been initiated which will increase non-aeronautical revenue and it is a continuous process.

(g)&(h) The status of development work at all the 24 airports is reviewed in the monthly meetings attended by Airport Director of these airports and concerned Head of Departments at Airport Authority of India's corporate office. Progress of implementation of various schemes is closely monitored in these meetings and guidance given to the Airport Directors for improving customer satisfaction.