

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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INFRASTRUCTURE AT AIRPORTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Indian aviation has problem of poor infrastructure;
- (b) if so, whether aviation infrastructure lags behind other nations;
- (c) if so, whether the Government's efforts have not kept pace with development;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to keep pace with the development?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

- (a) and (b) At some airports, the infrastructure development at air side and terminals have not kept pace with the traffic growth.
- (c), (d) and (e) Government, with a view to add capacity to meet the growing demands, has inter-alia taken the following steps:-
 - (i) Restructuring and modernization of Delhi and Mumbai airports.
 - (ii) Developing the tentatively selected 35 non-metro airports focusing on airside and city side development.
 - (iii) Encouraging private sector to promote Greenfield airports and complement the efforts of Airports Authority of India (AAI) in the development of airport infrastructure in the country. Government has already approved setting up of Greenfield airports at Shamshabad near Hyderabad, Devanahalli near Bangalore and Mopa in Goa.
 - (iv) Besides, AAI has initiated action to provide additional parking stands / expansion / upgradation of terminal buildings, runways, taxiways at many airports.