

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:970

ANSWERED ON:23.10.2008

DETAILS OF DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS

Thakur Shri Anurag Singh

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total number of existing domestic and international airports in the country which are in operation as also the number of those under construction and the time by which these are likely to be constructed;
- (b) whether the future requirement of the number of domestic and international airports has been assessed keeping in view the increasing number of domestic and international tourists;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

- (a) There are 98 operational airports in the country out of which 81 are domestic and 17 are international airports. Non-operational airports at Mysore in Karnataka and Cuddapah in Andhra Pradesh are under construction.
- (b) Yes, Sir.
- (c) In order to meet the growing demand of air passengers, it has been decided to upgrade 35 Non Metro Airports. 13 more airports in smaller cities have also been taken up for upgradation. Moreover, `in principle` approval for the construction of 8 new greenfield airports namely at Navi Mumbai, Kannur in Kerala, Bijapur, Simoga, Hassan and Gulbarga airports in Karnataka, Sindhudurg in Maharashtra and MOPA near Goa, have been accorded. In addition, it has also been `in-principle` decided to construct 3 new airports in North East Region namely, Peking in Sikkim, Itanagar in Arunachal Pradesh and Cheitu in Nagaland.
- (d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.