

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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NEW AIRPORT POLICY

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has announced a new Airport Policy, 2009;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Ministry is planning to undertake groundhandling at various airports across the country under the new airport policy;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the existing infrastructure is highly inadequate to meet the demands of crowded passengers;
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (g) whether there was any earlier survey/study was conducted to gauge this kind of inflow of passengers;
- (h) if no, the reasons therefor; and
- (i) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): A new Greenfield Airport Policy has been announced by the Government in April, 2008. Its salient features are:

(i) A Steering Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Civil Aviation would coordinate and monitor various clearances required for the greenfield airport projects.

(ii) Terms and conditions of all the concerned agencies like DGCA, Security, Defence etc. would be prescribed up-front.

(iii) If the proposal is to set up a new airport within an aerial distance of 150 kms from an existing airport, it would be considered by a Steering Committee and thereafter by the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

(iv) All reserved activities to be performed at the airport by central agencies like immigration, customs etc. would be on cost recovery basis.

(c): The new Greenfield Airport Policy does not address the groundhandling issues.

(d) Does not arise.

(e), (f), (g), (h) &

(i): Modernisation and upgradation of airports is a continuous process and is taken up depending upon traffic requirements, economic viability, availability of lands and other resources and socio-economic considerations etc. for this purpose, AAI regularly monitors the traffic data and makes projections based on the trend and other relevant factors.,

To ease the congestion at the airports and to meet the requirement of the aviation traffic, two new greenfield airports at Shamshabad near Hyderabad and Bangalore have already been made operational this year. Delhi and Mumbai airports have been handed over to the Joint Venture Companies for modernisation/upgradation. In addition, 35 non-metro airports and 13 other airports have also been taken up for modernisation and upgradation by Airports Authority of India (AAI).