GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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MANAGEMENT OF AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Airport Authority of India has miserably failed in the efficient management of the Airports in the present competitive scenario;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken by the Government to retrieve the situation?

Answer

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

(a), (b) and (c) A Statement in this regard is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in reply to parts (a), (b) & (c) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.211 dated 17.3.2005 regarding Management of Airports.

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Civil Aviation Sector in India has registered rapid traffic growth including aircraft movements, passengers and cargo. At some airports, the infrastructure development has not kept pace with the traffic growth. Such airports are experiencing capacity constraints both on airside and terminals. As a result, airlines and passengers are experiencing difficulty particularly during peak hours. Government has decided to modernize Delhi and Mumbai airports through public private partnership to develop them as world class airports. A decision has also been taken to develop tentatively selected 25 non-metro airports focusing on airside and city side development to world class standards. To strengthen the airport infrastructure, private sector is being encouraged to promote Greenfield airports and complement the efforts of 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. Government has approved extension & modification of Terminal-IB at Mumbai airport and modification of Terminal-IB at Delhi Airport. Extension and renovation of Terminal-2B at Mumbai airport has also been approved. Steps such as introduction of Common User Terminal Equipment (CUTE) for smooth check-in, introduction of Air Traffic Flow Management(ATFM), provision of high speed taxi-ways, parallel taxi-ways and runways are also planned at Delhi and Mumbai to expand airside capacity and terminal facilities.