

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of international airports in the country;
- (b) the facilities made available at international airports;
- (c) the norms adopted for according an airport the status of an international airport; and
- (d) the number of airports which are proposed to be accorded the status of international airport?

Answer

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

- (a): There are 17 International airports in the country of which 11 are with Airports Authority of India (AAI) and rest 6 are with Joint Venture Companies.
- (b): Facilities available at International Airports normally include Customs, Immigration, Plant Quarantine, International Cargo Facility, Required Air Side Facility for all weather DAY/ NIGHT operations, Adequate Terminal Facilities and Matching City Side infrastructure.
- (c): The upgradation of airports to international airports is undertaken on the basis of demands from airlines/State/ Union Territory Governments, traffic potential, land availability, resources, commercial viability etc.
- (d): At present there is a proposal for upgradation of Tirupati Airport as an International Airport.