

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3542

ANSWERED ON:24.08.2011

CONSTRUCTION OF AIRPORTS

Bali Ram Dr. ;Hussain Shri Syed Shah Nawaz;Lagadapati Shri Rajagopal;M.Thambidurai Dr. ;Pakkirappa Shri S.;Rane Dr. Nilesch Narayan

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to construct new airports in major cities/districts of each State in the country and has given in-principle approval to 14 new airports;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the present status of work on these airports, location-wise including Azamgarh district of Uttar Pradesh, Chipi village in Maharashtra and near Karur in Tamil Nadu;
- (c) whether not even a single airport has been proposed in Andhra Pradesh;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government has looked into the logistics and other facilities for these airports;
- (f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds sanctioned so far for the purpose, project-wise; and
- (g) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to expedite construction of these projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS & MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) & (b): Keeping in view the enormous growth in air passengers and to encourage infusion of greater investment in airport sector, Government had pronounced a policy for greenfield airports in April, 2008. As per this Policy, the promoter seeking to develop the airport has to submit the proposal to the Government for consideration by the Steering Committee. Application for setting up of Greenfield airport are considered by the Steering Committee/competent authority for grant of 'in principle' approval, after they have completed all necessary formalities of obtaining pre-feasibility study report, site clearance, clearances from regulatory agencies, etc.

So far, Government of India has granted 'in-principle' approval for setting up of greenfield airports at Mopa in Goa; Navi Mumbai, Shirdi and Sindhudurg in Maharashtra; Shimoga, Gulbarga, Hassan and Bijapur in Karnataka; Kannur in Kerala; Durgapur in West Bengal; Pakyong in Sikkim; Datia/Gwalior (Cargo) in Madhya Pradesh; Kushinagar in Uttar Pradesh; Karaikal in Puducherry and Paladi/Ramsinghpura near Jaipur in Rajasthan. Details along with present status of the greenfield airport is at Annexure-I.

Government of India has not received any proposal either from the State Governments or private individuals for construction of greenfield airport at Azamgarh district in Uttar Pradesh, Chipi village in Maharashtra.

(c) & (d): A greenfield airport at Shamshabad in Andhra Pradesh has been set up and it has already become operational in the year 2008.

(e) & (f): It is endeavour of the Central Government to ensure that all approvals and clearances are given in a timely manner. Necessary action for project development, including acquisition of land, financing of the airport project, etc. is taken by the respective airport promoters. As such, the financing of new Greenfield airports are done by the Airport Promoter. However, the Government has given the grant-in-aid of Rs.80.50 crores for construction of Pakyong Airport at Sikkim during the Financial Year 2010-11.

(g): The timeline for construction of airport projects depends upon many factors such as land acquisition, availability of mandatory clearances, selection of a Concessionaire through bidding process and financial closure, etc. by the Concessionaire. The Government through Steering Committee for Greenfield Airport monitors the developments of these Greenfield airport projects.