

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:82  
ANSWERED ON:02.07.2009  
AIRPORT AT SALEM  
Semmalai Shri S.

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

- (a) whether any proposal to operationalise and develop the airport in Salem, Tamil Nadu is pending for approval; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a)& (b)Salem Airport in Tamil Nadu is an operational airport which at present is suitable for operation upto ATR-72 type of aircraft.

Airports Authority of India (AAI) has prepared a Master Plan for the development of Salem Airport for operation of AB-321 type of aircrafts. For this purpose the Government of Tamilnadu has been requested to acquire and hand over 563 acres of additional land to AAI free of cost and free from all encumbrances. The matter is still pending with the State Govt.