

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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EXPANSION PROJECT OF CHENNAI AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the expansion project of Chennai Airport which was supposed to be completed by now has been further delayed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the time by which it is likely to be made operational;
- (c) whether the acquisition of defence land for setting up a utility building has been obtained;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the International Civil Aviation Organisation has presented a feasibility report regarding setting up a new airport at Sriperumbudur near Chennai to Airports Authority of India; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the present status of the proposal?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. The work of expansion and development of existing Chennai airport is being carried out parallelly alongwith the existing operations and as such, the site for undertaking the works could be handed over to the executing/contracting agencies only in phases which resulted in time overrun. The work is scheduled for completion by December, 2011.

(c) & (d) Yes, Madam. 21 acres of Defence land was to be handed over to Airports Authority of India (AAI). Out of this, 18 acres was made available earlier and working permission for the remaining 3 acres was accorded in February, 2011 for undertaking construction of the utility building and other infrastructure.

(e) & (f) Yes, Madam, International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) was entrusted the task of preparation of a feasibility report for setting up of a Greenfield airport at Sriperumbudur near Chennai, including dual operation from the existing airport at Chennai, as well as the proposed airport. Accordingly, ICAO has submitted the final report and after review by AAI, the same has been submitted to the Government of Tamil Nadu.