

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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EXPANSION OF COIMBATORE,MADURAI AND TIRUCHI AIRPORTS  
Baal Thiru Thalikkottai Rajuthevar

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

- (a) the progress of expansion of Coimbatore, Madurai and Tiruchi airports as part of development of non-metro airports;
- (b) whether these three airports are likely to be upgraded to the status of international airports;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to revive the airports in Salem and Tuticorin; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) Details of works completed, planned and in progress at Tiruchi, Coimbatore and Madurai airports are given below: At Tiruchi Airport strengthening & extension of existing runway from 1864m to 2444m, apron, isolation & allied works, extension of Apron for parking of seven aircrafts and construction of new integrated Terminal Building complex for handling 400 paxs at a time has been completed. Airprot Authority of India (AAI) has planned extension of runway to 12500ft for operation of wide bodied aircraft subject to providing additional land by the Government of Tamilnadu. At Coimbatore Airport, extension of runway by 700m, strengthening of runway, taxiways and construction of isolation bay and expansion of Cargo complex have been completed. Expansion & Modification of existing terminal building is under progress and probable date of completion (PDC) is February 2010. The work relating to construction of parallel taxiway, extension of Apron, strengthening of old Apron at a cost of Rs.41.51 crore is going on and the PDC is December, 2009. The AAI has planned construction of new Integrated Terminal Building for handling 2000 passengers, extension of runway to 3811 m in phases for operation subject to providing of additional land by the Government of Tamilnadu. At Madurai Airport strengthening & extension of runway to 2286m for AB-320 aircrafts, operational, expansion of Apron for five aircrafts, isolation bay with associated facilities and installing/commissioning of Instrument Landing System (ILS) has been completed. The construction work of new Integrated Terminal Building for 500 passengers is under progress and the PDC is December, 2009. AAI have planned extension of runway to 12500ft in phases for wide bodied aircraft and augmentation of basic strip to 300 m subject to providing of additional land by the Government of Tamilnadu.

(b) & (c) No, Sir. However, Coimbatore and Tiruchi airports are custom airports handling limited International flights, while Madurai is only a domestic airport.

(d) & (e) Both Salem and Tuticorin airports are operational.