

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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CONSTRUCTION OF NEW AIRPORTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of new airports for commercial use proposed to be constructed in various States including in Madhya Pradesh and Bihar;
- (b) the current status of the projects, airport-wise; and
- (c) the policy of the Government on building airport infrastructure in various States?

Answer

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS & MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a), (b) & (c): Keeping in view the growth in air passengers traffic, Government of India, in April, 2008, promulgated a policy for Greenfield airports to facilitate the establishment of new airports in the country. However, development of airports is a continuous process which takes into account the commercial viability, traffic potential/ demands, commitment of airlines to operate through the specific airports etc. So far, Government of India has granted 'in-principle' approval for 15 airports in the country. The details along with present status of the greenfield airport which have been given 'in-principle' approval are at Annexure-I.