

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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STRATEGIC PLAN TO IMPROVE CONNECTIVITY

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the strategic plan to improve connectivity for the year 2010-15 has been finalised;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) the salient features of the said plan;
- (d) whether the areas for world class infrastructure facilities, connectivity, skilled manpower have been identified for the said plan;
- (e) If so, the details thereof;
- (f) the details of the airports in the country for whose construction, political organizations and public representatives have requested during the last three years till date; and
- (g) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

- (a) Yes, Madam.
- (b)&(c) In order to improve connectivity of people by air services, Ministry of Civil Aviation intends to pursue the following strategies:-
 - (i) Connect un-served and under-served areas through airport using the appropriate development model.
 - (ii) To identify factors for reducing risks and hurdles for the aviation sector such as taxation, duties and other economic constraints.
 - (iii) To integrate the larger airports with smaller airports in the region.
 - (v) Review the policy framework for regional airlines
 - (vi) Develop an approach towards the growth of general aviation in the country.
- (d)&(e) World class infrastructure facilities are ensured by providing latest technology in the field of management, maintenance and operation. For better connectivity for unserved and underserved areas of the country specially the north-eastern region, Jammu and Kashmir and islands of Lakshdweep, Andaman & Nikobar. Mechanism could be developed for seamless dovetailing of SOPs and NSOPS between major airports and centres of lower passenger load/ infrastructure so that the hub spoke principles of connectivity can be realized. Man power/Human Resource is concerned, it is likely to grow from the current nearly 32,000 to 90,000 by 2020. The same can be met by globalization of Human Resources requirement with training facilities mushrooming all over the globe. A large number of Indian students undergo training in foreign countries too and then acquire an Indian license. There is consequently a glut in the employment market with nearly 3500 pilots remaining unemployed as a result of the recent recession.
- (f) Names of airports for whose construction / approval requests have been received from political organizations and public representatives are annexed.
- (g) The following airports out of the above are presently proposed to be developed by AAI:
 - 1. Kishangarh - land transfer awaited from State Government.
 - 2. Jalgaon - Work completed.
 - 3. Deoghar - MoU signed with State Government.