

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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AIRPORT EXPANSION PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Airport Authority of India (AAI) has requested various States including the State of Tamil Nadu to provide land for airport expansion projects;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, locationwise during each of the last three years;
- (c) the reaction of the State Government thereto;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to increase the flight activities from various airports in the country including Trichy airport in Tamil Nadu;
- (e) if so, the details thereof, locationwise; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b)&(c): The details are at Annexure.

(d),(e)&(f): Government has laid down route dispersal guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country including North-East region. It is however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places including Pantnagar depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. As such airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of route dispersal guidelines issued by the Government.