

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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MODERNIZATION/EXPANSION OF AIRPORTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has constituted any committee for expansion and modernization of the airports in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the composition of the committee along with the details of airports which have been formed part of the discussion and the names of airports recommended for modernization;
- (c) whether work on all the recommended airports has been commenced;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor, airport-wise;
- (e) whether the Government is considering expansion and modernization of Thoothukudi airport and airports in Madhya Pradesh; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated/granted for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a), (b) & (c): Yes, Madam. A Task Force was constituted by the Committee on Infrastructure, Govt. of India for going into the requirement for expansion and upgradation of the airport infrastructure in the country. This Task Force identified 35 non metro airports of Airports Authority of India (AAI) for expansion and upgradation taking into account factors such as potential for traffic, tourism potential, non-aeronautical revenues enhancement by exploitation of surplus land, and connectivity with state capitals. In addition to these 35 airports, based on the traffic demand and operational requirements, work was taken up for expansion of air/terminal side infrastructure at 27 additional non-metro airports of AAI. Composition of the Task Force is given at Annexure-1. Status of upgradation of these 35 non-metro airports is given at Annexure-2A, 2B and 2C, while the status of upgradation of 27 other airports are given at Annexure 3A, 3B and 3C.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): The airports at Bhopal and Indore in Madhya Pradesh have already been modernised and put into operation. The extension of the runway and other associated facilities at Thoothukudi (Tuticorin) airport in Tamil Nadu is subject to availability of 586 acres of land by the Govt. of Tamil Nadu.

(f): Funds allocated for Tuticorin in the Budget Estimate (BE) 2012-13 is rupees 10 lakhs. Allocation in respect of airports in Madhya Pradesh is Rs. 6.34 crores.