

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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EXPANSION OF AIRPORTS AT BORDER AREAS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated or proposes to formulate any scheme for expansion of the airports situated at border areas, particularly the airports built for smaller aircrafts, keeping in view the security aspect and emergency situations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the locations identified for the purpose, airportwise along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a) to (c) Development of airports is a continuous process which takes into account the commercial viability, strategic importance, traffic potential/ demands, commitment of airlines to operate through the specific airports etc. There is no specific scheme under Ministry of Civil Aviation for expansion of airports situated at border areas. However, Ministry of Defence also undertakes development/maintenance of airports in border areas keeping in view the security aspects. A list of airports in border areas developed by Airports Authority of India (AAI) is given at Annexure.