

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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GREENFIELD AIRPORTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of requests are pending with the Government for construction of new/Greenfield airports in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with their present status and parameters adopted, State-wise, airport-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up airports in Kerala, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) the details of funds released for the purpose during the last three years and the current year, project-wise;
- (f) whether there has been an inordinate delay in implementation of these projects; and
- (g) if so, the reasons therefor along with the steps taken for their early implementation?

Answer

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a), (b), (c) & (d): Keeping in view the enormous growth in air passengers and to encourage infusion of greater investment in airport sector, Government had pronounced a policy for greenfield airports in April, 2008. As per this Policy, the promoter, including the State Government, seeking to develop the airport has to submit the proposal to the Government for consideration by the Steering Committee. Application for setting up of Greenfield airport are considered by the Steering Committee for grant of 'in principle' approval, after they have completed all necessary formalities of obtaining pre-feasibility study report, site clearance, clearances from regulatory agencies, etc.

In so far, Government of India has granted 'in-principle' approval for setting up of greenfield airports at Mopa in Goa; Navi Mumbai, Sindhudurg and Shirdi in Maharashtra; Shimoga, Gulbarga, Hassan and Bijapur in Karnataka; Kannur in Kerala; Durgapur in West Bengal; Pakyong in Sikkim; Datia/Gwalior (Cargo) in Madhya Pradesh; Kushinagar in Uttar Pradesh; Karaikal in Puducherry. In addition, Government of India has received proposals for setting up of Greenfield airports at Greater Noida in Uttar Pradesh; Belari in Karnataka; Rohtak in Haryana; Dholera & Dwarka in Gujarat; Alwar in Rajasthan; Itanagar in Arunachal Pradesh; Ludhiana region in Punjab; Prakasham district in Andhra Pradesh; Aranmula-Pathanamthitta district & Idukki in Kerala; Jamshedpur in Jharkhand; Rumari village in Assam; Nagapattinam in Tamilnadu and Solapur & Amarawati in Maharashtra.

(e), (f) & (g): As per the Policy for Greenfield Airports, necessary action for project development, including acquisition of land, financing of the airport project, etc. is taken by the respective airport promoters. The timeline for construction of airport projects depends upon many factors such as land acquisition, availability of mandatory clearances, financial closure, etc. by the individual operators.