

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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NO FRILLS AIRPORTS  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to build no-frills airports for smaller cities across the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether a detailed study report has been submitted in this regard by any competent authority and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to take up the project under Public Private Partnership or in public sector model and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether these airports would be designed in such a manner that the future expansion can also be carried out considering the growth of smaller cities in India and these airports can cater to enhanced aviation cargo requirement of smaller cities and if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION ( SHRI K. C. VENUGOPAL )

(a) to (d): A study on regional and remote area connectivity has been carried out by the Government with a view to connect smaller cities and in remote areas based on viable low cost no-frill airport model. It was recommended in the study report that low cost airports model. It was recommended in the study report that low cost airports may be setup so as to increase connectivity. However, no concrete decision has been taken in this regard.