

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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CONSTRUCTION WORKS AT AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the construction works at various airports including the Aranmula Airport site, Kerala have been held up/ stopped;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, project-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has taken/ proposes to take any action in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor, case-wise; and
- (e) the time by which the work on the above projects is likely to commence, airport-wise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): No, Madam. The construction at various airports including Aranmula airport project is not stopped/held up.

(c) & (d): Do not arise.

(e): Govt. of India has granted 'In principle' approval for setting up of 15 Greenfield airports across the country out of which, physical work at 6 airports namely, Gulbarga, Hassan, Shimoga in Karnataka, Durgapur in West Bengal, Pakyong in Sikkim and Shirdi in Maharashtra, has already commenced. Necessary action for project development, including acquisition of land, financing of the airport project, etc. is taken by the respective airport promoter. 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 operator. In regard to setting up of Greenfield airport at Aranmula in Kerala, the airport developer i.e. M/s KGS Aranmula International Airport has informed that the work will commence after obtaining the final clearance from Ministry of Environment & Forest.

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