

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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AIR TRAFFIC IN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is tremendous pressure on runways of international airports including Delhi due to increase in air traffic;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is considering to construct more runways/expand existing runways in international airports in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, location-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a): No, Madam. There is no pressure on the runways at Delhi airport. However, at Mumbai airport constraint on runway capacity is felt because of single runway and a crossing runway. Constraints have also been felt in respect of Chennai, Kolkata and Goa airports.

(b) & (c): The Secondary Runway at Chennai International Airport has been extended by 1032 mtrs. Similarly, the Secondary Runway at Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport, Kolkata has been extended by 431 mtrs. Besides, Airports Authority of India (AAI) is proposes to extend and straighten the parallel taxiways at Chennai and Kolkata airports to increase the operational efficiencies and reduce runway occupancy time on the main runway, and to extend the runway at Jaipur International Airport from 2797 mtrs. to 3507 mtrs. to cater to B-747 type of aircraft.

However, there is no proposal by MIAL, the Joint Venture Company managing the CSI airport, Mumbai to construct a second parallel runway due to non-availability of land.

(d): To address the issue, Government has accorded `in-principle` approval for the construction of new Greenfield airports at Navi Mumbai and MOPA near Goa by the State Governments.