

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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MODERNISATION OF KOLKATA AND CHENNAI AIRPORTS  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Kolkata and Chennai airports were modernised recently by the Airports Authority of India (AAI);
- (b) if so, the total cost involved;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to hand over these airports to private parties for maintenance/operation and development; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI K. C. VENUGOPAL)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. Kolkata and Chennai airports have been modernized at a cost of Rs.2325 crores and Rs.2015 crores respectively.

(c) & (d) Task Force on Financing Plan for development of airports constituted under the Planning Commission has recommended that operations and management of Chennai and Kolkata Airports could be taken up through Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode. Airports Authority of India (AAI) has suggested that management, maintenance and operation of these two airports be undertaken by formation of JVs with world class Airport Operators, AAI being lead partner. As a first step, an Inter Ministerial Group (IMG) has been constituted to evolve, recommend and monitor the implementation of the appropriate model for achieving the desired objectives of operation and management of these airports with private participation.