

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2594
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AIRPORT IN SALEM
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an airport is exist in Salem in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to take any steps to operate flights from this airport in view of the industrial and commercial importance of the city; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): Salem Airport has a runway with dimension of 1829 X 45 Mtrs and two parking stands for ATR type of aircraft. The terminal building can handle 100 passengers (both for arrival and departure) in peak hours and it has all the necessary facilities for passengers.

(c) & (d): Operations in domestic sector have been deregulated and flights are being operated by concerned airlines on the basis of commercial viability subject to adherence to Route Dispersal Guidelines. Government has laid down Route Dispersal Guidelines with a view to achieve better regulations of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country. It is, however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability while complying with the Route Dispersal Guidelines.