

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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STATUS OF AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Shaheed Bhagat Singh International Airport at SAS Nagar in Punjab and Karaikal Airport in the Union Territory of Puducherry; and

(b) the time by which the said airports are likely to be completed and become operational?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) : The present status of the two airports are as under;;

(i) Construction of an Integrated Terminal Building at Chandigarh Airport (Mohali side) along with other infrastructure for operations is undertaken by Airports Authority of India (AAI) and work commenced in August 2012. The entire work including air side facilities for the new Civil Enclave is expected to be completed by March, 2015 and the New Civil Enclave is likely to be made operational by June, 2015.

(ii) Government of India has granted `in-principle` approval for setting up of a Greenfield Airport at Karaikal in the Union Territory of Puducherry to M/s Karaikal Airport Private Limited in 2011. M/s Karaikal Airport Private Limited has taken up necessary steps for development of the airport. The timeline for construction of airport projects depends upon many factors like land acquisition, mandatory clearances, financial closure, etc.