

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:373

ANSWERED ON:20.04.2015

DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS

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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the International airports in the country at present and the revenue earned therefrom during the last three years, airport-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to upgrade and develop certain major airports as international hubs including Guwahati Airport;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise along with the criteria adopted for selection of these airports and the time-frame laid down for their completion;
- (d) whether some States including Kerala have objected over non-inclusion of certain airports from their States in this plan and if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the details of the proposals received and approved by the Government for upgradation/development of international airports during the said period, State/UT-wise?

**Answer**

Minister of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri Ashok Gajapathi Raju Pusapati)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in reply to parts (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) of Lok Sabha Starred ( ) Question No. 373 for 20.04.2015 regarding Development of International Airports.

(a): The details of international airports in the country along with revenue earned therefrom during the last three years are at Annexure-I.

(b) to (d): Yes, Madam. Government of India (GOI) has drawn up a draft Civil Aviation Policy which intends to promote certain airports as international hub which will be entry/exit gateways for future operations. Subsequently, State Government of Kerala requested to include airports of Kerala as a part of Hub initiative of GOI. So far, GOI has identified six metro airports at Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Bengaluru and Hyderabad for development as major international hubs to act as the main access points for international travel to and from India.

(e): GOI has received requests from various State Governments for upgrading existing domestic airports to international standards. Upgradation/ development of airports to international standards is a continuous process which is undertaken by Airports Authority of India (AAI) from time to time depending upon the availability of land, commercial viability, technical feasibility, demand from airlines, traffic potential etc. The airports at Lucknow, Varanasi, Tiruchirapalli, Mangalore, Coimbatore, Bhubaneshwar and Imphal were upgraded to international status during last three years. In addition, AAI has developed the airports at Bhopal, Indore and Raipur to international standards.