

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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SALEM AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Salem Airport in Tamil Nadu is operational and if so, the details of the flights being operated from this airport;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor along with the time by which the said airport is likely to be made operational; and
- (c) whether there is any proposal for development/upgradation of Salem Airport and if so, the details and the present status thereof?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri G. M. Siddeshwara)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Salem Airport in Tamil Nadu is an operational airport. However, it is up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability while complying with Route Dispersal Guidelines. Presently, no scheduled airlines are operating from this airport and only non-scheduled operations take place from here.

(c): Development/upgradation of airports is a continuous process and is undertaken by Airports Authority of India (AAI) from time to time depending on traffic demand, commercial viability, socio-economic considerations, availability of land etc. AAI has prepared a Master Plan for development of Salem Airport for Category 'D' aircraft operations and requested the State Govt. of Tamil Nadu to acquire and hand over 560 acres of land for the purpose.