

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Development of Airports

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a): whether the Government proposes to construct new international airports and upgrade/modernize existing airports in the country;
- (b): if so, the details thereof, location-wise;
- (c): the details of proposals received from various States/UTs in this regard during the last three years and the current year and the action taken on these proposals, airport/year-wise;
- (d): the current status of work and funds spent on the development of airports in Kannur in Kerala, Birsa Munda airport in Ranchi;
- (e): whether the Government proposes to develop new alternative airports in Mumbai and NCR to ease the pressure on existing airports and if so, the details thereof;
- (f): whether the Government proposes to bring in any policy to put a maximum price cap on air fares as some times it becomes unreasonable and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (g): the steps taken by the Government to expand and improve the facilities at various airports in the country?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) & (b): Government of India (GoI), Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) has granted "in principle" approval for setting up of 18 Greenfield Airports and "site clearance" approval for setting up of 5 Greenfield Airports across the country. Out of these Airports, Mopa Airport in Goa, Navi Mumbai and Shirdi Airport in Maharashtra, Kannur Airport in Kerala, Kushinagar Airport in Uttar Pradesh, Dholera Airport in Gujarat, Bhogapuram Airport in Andhra Pradesh, Machiwara Airport in Ludhiana and Alwar Airport in Rajasthan are International Greenfield Airports. The airport project at Kannur has been completed. Further, upgradation of existing airports is a continuous process depending on the traffic demand, availability of land and resources, environmental clearance approval from regulatory authorities, clearance from obstruction etc. ;

(c): During the last three years and the current year, MoCA, GoI has received the following proposals for setting up of Greenfield Airports: Ankleshwar in Gujarat, Bhiwadi (district Alwar) in Rajasthan, Dagadathi (Nellore), Bhogapuram (Vizianagaram), Tadepalligudem (West Godavari), Oravakallu (Kurnool) and Kuppam (Chittoor) in Andhra Pradesh, Chingleput near Chennai, Gwalior and Singrauli in Madhya Pradesh, Hisar in Haryana, Kothagudem (Khammam) in Telangana, Noida International Airport near Jewar, Saifai (Etawah) in Uttar Pradesh, Shivdaspur in Jaipur, Karwar and Chickmagalur in Karnataka and Rajkot in Gujarat. GoI has granted "site clearance" approval for setting up of Greenfield Airport at Bhiwadi (district Alwar) in Rajasthan and Kothagudem (Khammam) in Telangana and "in principle" approval for setting up of Dagadathi (Nellore), Bhogapuram (Vizianagaram) and Oravakallu (Kurnool) in Andhra Pradesh.;

(d): The total project cost for Kannur International Airport is Rs. 1892 crores and as on 31.03.2017, Rs.1512 crores have been spent on the development of Kannur Airport. 93% of airside work and 85% of city side work have been completed. The solar power project of Ranchi airport with a capacity of 250 KWp and a New Integrated Terminal Building having capacity to handle 700 peak hour passengers at a time (500 Domestic and 200 International) has been commissioned. ;

(e): Yes Madam. GoI has granted "in principle" approval for setting up of Greenfield Airports at Navi Mumbai, Shirdi and Sindhudurg in Maharashtra and "site clearance" approval for setting up of Greenfield Airport at Bhiwadi (district Alwar) in Rajasthan.;

(f): As per the National Civil Aviation Policy, 2016, MoCA will target an indicative airfare of Rs. 2500 per passenger approximately, indexed to inflation, for a significant part of the capacity of the aircraft for a distance of 500 Kms to 600 Kms on RCS routes (equivalent to about one hour flight).;

(g): Till the last decade, the airports in India were lacking the necessary infrastructure facilities and services at par with the international standards. However, with the implementation of Public Private Partnership projects at both Brownfield and Greenfield airports and various initiatives taken by the Airports Authority of India to modernize its airports, the infrastructure at Indian airports has

improved at par with international standards. Presently, number of Indian airports feature in the top ranks in the global ranking published by the Airport Council International. Further Centralized Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (Web Portal), Air Sewa Portal (web portal and App also) for single window solution, Complaint and Suggestion Boxes, Complaint Register/Book etc. at airports has improved the facilities at various airports in the country.