

Development of Mangalore Airport

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the airports taken in hand by the Government for the development, modernisation and upgradation during the Eighth Plan;

(b) whether the Government propose to continue their efforts for modernisation, development and upgradation during the Ninth Plan;

(c) the funds earmarked for this purpose during the Ninth Plan;

(d) whether Mangalore airport and Bhagalpur airport (in Bihar) have been taken up for expansion; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) : (a) The following airports were identified for the upgradation and modernisation in the 8th Plan period:

International Airports under modernisation :
(i) Calcutta, (ii) Chennai, (iii) Delhi, (iv) Mumbai and (v) Thiruvananthapuram.

Model Airports for upgradation : (i) Bhubneshwar, (ii) Calicut, (iii) Coimbatore, (iv) Guwahati, (v) Hyderabad, (vi) Indore, (vii) Imphal, (viii) Jaipur, (ix) Lucknow, (x) Nagpur, (xi) Patna, and (xii) Vadodara.

Other airports for upgradation : (i) Agra, (ii) Ahmedabad, (iii) Agartala, (iv) Aurangabad, (v) Bangalore, (vi) Bagdogra, (vii) Bhopal, (viii) Dimapur, (ix) Gwalior, (x) Jabalpur, (xi) Jodhpur, (xii) Khajuraho, (xiii) Lilabari, (xiv) Leh, (xv) Ludhiana, (xvi) Goa, (xvii) Mangalore, (xviii) Port-Blair, (xix) Rajkot, (xx) Tiruchirapalli, (xxi) Tirupathi, (xxii) Udaipur, (xxiii) Rajpur, (xxiv) Silchar, (xxv) Tezpur, (xxvi) Porbandar, (xxvii) Dibrugarh, (xxviii) Jammu, and (xxix) Srinagar.

Construction of New Airports : (i) Kargil, (ii) Lengpui, and (iii) Tura.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) An amount of Rs. 3307.32 crores have been earmarked during 9th plan.

(d) and (e) Expansion of Mangalore Airport : Arrival block of Terminal Building has been expanded and modified at the cost of Rs. 1 crore for International Operations. AAI also have plans for the development of Mangalore Airport by constructing a new runway (South of the existing runway) and New Terminal Building with all Modern facilities. The existing runway cannot be extended because of deep drops at both ends. The State Government has been requested to handover 175 Acres of land for this purpose. AAI has already deposited Rs. 50 lakhs with the State Government for Land Acquisition and AAI shall prepare the estimates when land is taken over from the State Government.

Bhagalpur Airport : This airport belongs to the State Government of Bihar. AAI has no plans for its upgradation.

Import of Asbestos

756. SHRI FRANCISCO SARDINHA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the total reserves of Asbestos;

(b) the estimated value thereof;

(c) whether the mineral is included in the dereserved list;

(d) if so, the total number of Asbestos mines leased out;

(e) the total value of Asbestos imported annually;

(f) whether there is any increase in the Asbestos production during the last three years; and

(g) if so, the details thereof, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS) : (a) and (b) As per information available with Indian Bureau of Mines, the total recoverable reserves of asbestos of all varieties in India is placed at 9383 thousand metric tonnes (MT). Estimation of value of these asbestos reserves has not been carried out.