

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
Lok Sabha**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 856
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 24th July 2025)**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORTS**

856. SHRI GURMEET SINGH MEET HAYER

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) the details of the specific parameters and criteria set by the Government for establishing regional or international airports in the country;**
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any surveys/studies to assess future demand for airports and air connectivity, if so, the findings thereof along with the plans formulated by the Government to increase the number of airports accordingly and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether the Government has maintained data on air passenger traffic during the last three years, if so, the details thereof, State and district-wise and if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (d) whether the Government proposes to establish a greenfield airport in the Barnala and Sangrur areas of Punjab, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION
(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)**

(a): Government of India (GoI) has formulated a Greenfield Airports (GFA) Policy, 2008 for development of new Greenfield airports in the country. As per the policy, if any airport developer, including the State Government, desires to develop an airport, they are required to identify a suitable site and get the Techno-Economic Pre-feasibility Study conducted alongwith the preparation of the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the construction of the airport and submit a proposal to the Central Government.

MoCA has also launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-UDAN scheme for revival of unserved and undeserved airports in the

country to facilitate/stimulate regional air connectivity and make air travel affordable to the masses.

Further, declaration of an airport as an International Airport depends upon various factors like traffic potential demand from airlines for operation of international flights, availability of the facilities like suitable length of runway to cater to medium capacity long-range aircraft or equivalent type of aircraft, scope for extending the runway length further as per future requirements for large bodied air crafts, availability of Ground Lighting Facilities and Instrument Landing System for operation of aircraft at night and availability of Customs, Immigration, Health and Animal & Plant Quarantine services.

(b): Modernisation and expansion of infrastructure facilities at existing airports is a continuous process undertaken by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) or the concerned airport operators/developers, depending on traffic demand, commercial viability, land availability, operational requirements for aircraft safety, and demand from airlines.;

(c): The state-wise details of total air passengers handled by all Indian Airports during last three years are at Annexure.

(d): Government of India (GoI) has not received any proposal seeking approval under the Greenfield Airports Policy, 2008, for the development of a greenfield airport in Barnala and Sangrur areas of Punjab, either from the concerned State Government or any airport developer.

Annexure referred to in part (c) of the reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 856 for answer on 24.07.2025

**Traffic Handled At All Indian Airports During 2022-23 to
2024-25
(In Number)**

| STATE | 2022-2023 | 2023-2024 | 2024-2025 |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| A AND N ISLAND | 1273138 | 1453811 | 1656704 |
| ANDHRA PRADESH | 4927856 | 5251936 | 5900958 |
| ARUNACHAL PRADESH | 62156 | 168348 | 188459 |
| ASSAM | 6348422 | 7386309 | 7661986 |
| BIHAR | 4592209 | 4286811 | 4671954 |
| CHANDIGARH | 3677786 | 3721229 | 4149840 |
| CHHATISHGARH | 2356552 | 2518220 | 2684210 |
| DAMAN AND DIU | 40109 | 66252 | 104218 |
| DELHI | 65328018 | 73673877 | 79259936 |
| GOA | 9023553 | 11278498 | 11888726 |
| GUJARAT | 13575521 | 15745612 | 18008745 |
| HARYANA | 128 | 35 | 0 |
| HIMACHAL PRADESH | 205111 | 238059 | 264976 |
| JAMMU AND KASHMIR | 5989184 | 5662108 | 6086616 |
| JHARKHAND | 2498607 | 2750357 | 2860366 |
| KARNATAKA | 34657726 | 40529695 | 45212219 |
| KERALA | 16530563 | 19269114 | 21071752 |
| LADAKH | 1260725 | 1074426 | 1194892 |
| LAKSHDWEAP ISLAND | 48485 | 47266 | 117409 |
| MADHYA PRADESH | 4640310 | 5503314 | 6159848 |
| MAHARASHTRA | 56112562 | 67072624 | 70817308 |
| MANIPUR | 1233997 | 1274666 | 1406227 |
| MEGHALAYA | 109788 | 154658 | 119982 |
| MIZORAM | 357639 | 398667 | 493465 |
| NAGALAND | 295361 | 319590 | 336870 |
| ODISHA | 3871110 | 4873716 | 5211879 |
| PUDUCHERRY | 75870 | 45441 | 34190 |
| PUNJAB | 2516970 | 3095893 | 3611107 |
| RAJASTHAN | 7198657 | 8242580 | 8970754 |
| SIKKIM | 15707 | 8417 | 11111 |
| TAMILNADU | 23983881 | 27404120 | 29380660 |
| TELANGANA | 20997965 | 25050346 | 29181072 |
| TRIPURA | 1386087 | 1470670 | 1410793 |
| UTTAR PRADESH | 9603285 | 11302659 | 14227967 |
| UTTRAKHAND | 1667517 | 1710854 | 1842254 |
| WEST BENGAL | 20816581 | 23421929 | 25569494 |
| Grand Total | 327279136 | 376472107 | 411768947 |