

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2236
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 12th February 2026)

CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL AIRPORTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) the total number of airports across the country, State-wise;
- (b) the number of airports approved during the last ten years, State-wise;
- (c) whether all these airports have become operational, if so, the details thereof and if not, the current status of their construction;
- (d) whether the Government has any proposals pending for construction of additional airports, if so, the details thereof along with the locations identified in this regard;
- (e) whether the newly proposed airports would be under Government ownership or under the private sector and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the details and current status of the proposals received from various States including Rajasthan for airport construction?

ANSWER

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

(a): The total number of operational airports in the country is 164 including Greenfield Airports/helipads/Water Aerodrome.

(b) to (f): 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 Prefeasibility Study conducted and submit a proposal to the Central Government for 'Site Clearance' followed by 'In-Principle' approval.

In last 10 years, In-Principle approval has been accorded for development of 10 Greenfield airports namely Dholera in Gujarat, Noida in Uttar Pradesh, Bhogapuram, Dagadharthi & Kurnool in Andhra Pradesh, Rajkot (Hirasar) in Gujarat, Itanagar (Hollongi) in Arunachal Pradesh, Parandur in Tamil Nadu, Kota in Rajasthan and Puri in Odisha.; Out of these, Rajkot (Hirasar), Itanagar (Hollongi) and Kurnool airports have been operationalized.

Besides, GoI has also granted 'Site Clearance' for construction of 6 Greenfield airports namely Alwar in Rajasthan, Singrauli in Madhya Pradesh, Mandi in Himachal Pradesh, Kottayam in Kerala, Doloo in Assam, and Raichur in Karnataka.

At present, application seeking In-Principle approval for Greenfield Airport projects in Kottayam (Kerala), Raichur (Karnataka), Doloo (Assam) and application seeking Site Clearance approval for Greenfield Airport Projects in Sonpur (Bihar), Srikakulam & Nagarjuna Sagar (Andhra Pradesh) Greenfield Airport Projects have been received in MoCA as per GFA Policy.

The responsibility of implementation of airport projects including, mode of implementation, funding of the projects etc., rests with the concerned airport developer including the respective State Government (in case the State Government is the project proponent).
