

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the airports of the country which are functioning as International Airports and since when;
- (b) the airports which have recently been declared to be up graded as International Airport;
- (c) the timing by which these airports are likely to function as International Airport; and
- (d) the basis on which the declaration of International Airport has been made?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) :- The Airports at Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Calcutta have been functioning as International Airports since long. The Airport at Trivandrum was declared as International Airport with effect from 1st April, 1991.

(b) :- The airports at Ahmedabad, Amritsar, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Goa, Guwahati and new Cochin airport at Nedumbassery have recently been declared as international airports.

(c) :- International flights are already operating from airports at Bangalore, Amritsar, Ahmedabad, Hyderabad, Goa and new Cochin airport. No airline has, however started international operations from Guwahati airport so far.

(d) Majority of the airlines use Medium Capacity Long Range (MCLR) and Small Capacity Long Range (SCLR) aircraft for international operations. These aircraft can land upon a runway length of 9000 ft. The airports which have facilities for SCLR and MCLR aircraft and also international traffic potential have been declared as international airports.