

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:26
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UPGRADATION/ MODERNISATION OF NON- METRO AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to upgrade/ modernise the existing non-metro/ small airports in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the amount spent/ proposed to be spent on each airport;
- (d) the time by which upgradation/ modernisation works of these airports are likely to be completed;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to enter into joint venture to upgrade these airports; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b),(c),(d),(e) and (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 26 FOR 24TH NOVEMBER, 2005 REGARDING UPGRADATION / MODERNISATION OF NON-METRO AIRPORTS

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has drawn up a plan for phase-wise development of 35 tentatively selected non-metro airports, which includes development of Passenger Terminal Building and land use plans.

Initially 10 Non-Metro Airports had been identified for development under Phase I, keeping in view the potential for traffic, tourism, business etc. These 10 airports were: Ahmedabad, Amritsar, Guwahati, Jaipur, Udaipur, Trivandrum, Lucknow, Goa, Madurai and Mangalore Airports. 15 Non-Metro Airports were later identified in addition to the above 10 on similar grounds, and are proposed to be taken up for development under Phase II. These 15 airports are Agatti, Aurangabad, Khajuraho, Rajkot, Vadodara, Bhopal, Indore, Nagpur, Vishakapatnam, Trichy, Bhubaneshwar, Coimbatore, Patna, Port Blair and Varanasi. Besides the above, for another 10 airports studies are currently underway.

(c) The Global Technical Advisor (GTA)/ Indian Financial Consultant (IFC) have submitted Techno Economic Feasibility Reports for Phase-I for 10 Non-Metro Airports. The estimated cost of development is of the order of Rs. 1874 crores for these 10 Airports. Based on preliminary estimates, it is expected that an amount of Rs. 5000-5500 crores would be required for development of all the 35 Non-Metro Airports, excluding the landside development.

(d) The non-metro airports are proposed to be modernized during the period of 5 years through phased development.

(e) and (f) The IFC/GTA have considered various options including Public Private Partnership for development of 10 Non-Metro Airports. However, Joint Venture for modernization and development of each Airport would be one of the options depending upon feasibility and availability of resources.