

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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MODERNISATION OF AIRPORTS IN SOUTHERN REGION
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to upgrade / modernize the airports in Southern Region;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the funds sanctioned for upgradation / modernization of each airport in Southern Region;
- (d) the progress made so far in this regard; and
- (e) the details of new flights introduced in the Southern Region during the current financial year?

Answer

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

(a), (b), (c) & (d) Major upgradation / modernisation works undertaken by Airports Authority of India (AAI) at various airports in Southern Region and the fund sanctioned (in crores of Rupees) are as under:-

Strengthening and extension of runway etc. at Trichy (25.93); strengthening and extension of runway etc. at Madurai (35.25); strengthening and extension of runway, construction of parallel taxiway, improvement/ modification of terminal building area with additional aero-bridge, extension/ expansion of apron at Hyderabad (88.7); construction of new runway of 10,000 feet length, apron, isolation bay, ground lighting facilities, Instrument Landing System (ILS) etc. at Vishakhapatnam (159.0); expansion and modification of international terminal building for 1000 passengers with 2 passenger boarding bridges and expansion of apron etc. at Calicut (97.42); construction of new runway of 8000 feet length, ground lighting facilities, ILS etc. at Mangalore (55.26); strengthening of runway and pavements and improvement of ground lighting facilities at Hubli (11.14); resurfacing of runway, improvement of ground lighting facilities etc. at Belgaum (14.29); expansion and modification of domestic and international building at Bangalore (10.5); construction of new terminal building, control tower, fire station etc. at Agatti (5.5).

These projects are at advanced stages. Strengthening and extension of runway etc. for Rs.19 crores at Coimbatore airport has been completed. Work for construction of new integrated passenger terminal building for 800 passengers at Vishakhapatnam airport for Rs.89 crores has been awarded. However, construction of new integrated terminal complexes at Trichy and Madurai are at preliminary stages.

(e) It is upto the airlines to provide air services to specific places including Southern region in India depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. Given the commercial viability airlines are free to introduce new services anywhere in the country subject to compliance of the route dispersal guidelines issued by the Government.