

(b) and (c) Air India is a commercial organization and is governed by commercial consideration in its functioning and formulating pricing policies. Air India fares are finalized well in advance and are not changed arbitrarily. However, during festival/vacation season, the lower booking classes get gilled up well in advance and thereafter, seats in next higher booking classes only are available.

Air India Express, a subsidiary of Air India which also operates on Kerala-Gulf sector, is a low cost international airline. In keeping with the low cost model, Air India Express follows a dynamic pricing system, although the fares from Kerala to Gulf have not increased in the past year. In fact, for the period April-June 2010, the average fares for India-Gulf have dropped by about 7% as compared to the same period last year. On an average, fares offered by Air India Express are 15-20% lower than the market fares of full service carriers even during the peak seasons.

Cancellation of flights due to shortage of pilots

†2428. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the international and domestic flights cancelled due to shortage of manpower during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of pilots in Air India and the pilots still serving Air India are also leaving the company to join private airlines; and

(c) the loss incurred to Air India due to cancellation of international and domestic flights during the last three years?

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

(a) No international and domestic flights of Air India have been cancelled due to shortage of manpower.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Modernization of major and minor Airports in the Country

2429. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) what are the steps taken by Government for modernization of existing major and minor airports in the country; and

(b) what is the stage of the proposal for the establishment of an international airport at Sriperumbudur in Tamil Nadu?

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

(a) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has undertaken modernization (upgradation / expansion) of Kolkata and Chennai airports and 35 non-metro airports. In addition, 23 airports have been identified for development/ upgradation. The details are given in the Statement-I (See below). The details of progress in respect of Chennai and Kolkata are given in the Statement-II (See below).

(b) The proposal for establishment of Greenfield Airport at Sriperumbudur, Chennai is at the stage of Techno-Economic Feasibility Study. The Consultant has completed stage-I, inception report.

Statement – I

(a) Status of development of non Metro Airports

S.No.	Airport	City Side/Terminal	Air Side works
		Building works	
1	2	3	4
1.	Agra	Renovation of Terminal Building – work completed	Expansion of Apron-work completed.
2.	Agartala	Construction of Technical Block –work completed	Expansion of Apron. Strengthening of existing runway - work completed.
3.	Ahmedabad	Domestic (Arr/Dep)–Completed	New International Apron – completed.
		New International Terminal Building – work in progress, PDC Sept. 2010	Extension of Domestic Apron – Competed.
		Subway Pedestrian walk way linking International Terminal & Domestic Terminal – PDC Sept., 2010.	Construction of part parallel taxi track.

1	2	3	4
		New Control Tower cum Tech Block – Planning Stage	
4.	Amritsar	Construction of New Terminal Building-work completed. Modular expansion of Terminal Building Phase II – work completed.	Extension of runway – work completed. Expansion of apron–work completed.
5.	Aurangabad	New Integrated Terminal Building – work completed. Installation of 2 no's passenger Boarding Brides – work completed.	New Apron – work completed. Strengthening & extension of runway- work completed.
6.	Bhopal	Construction of new Expandable Modular Integrated Terminal Building – PDC Dec., 2010.	Extension of runway – work completed. New Apron-PDC Aug., 2010. 2 nos of link taxiway – PDC March, 2010 Part parallel taxiway – PDC March, 2010.
7.	Bhubaneswar	Construction of Domestic Terminal Building- Tender stage.	Expansion of apron – work completed.
8.	Calicut	Extension & modification of the international & domestic terminal building – Work Completed.	Strengthening & expansion of existing Runway – work completed except EMAS (Engineered Material Arresting System).
9.	Chandigarh	Construction of New Terminal Building – PDC November, 2010.	
10.	Coimbatore	Expansion & modification of existing Terminal building – PDC Dec, 2010.	Construction of part parallel taxiway extension of Apron–work completed.

1	2	3	4
		Construction of new Integrated Terminal Building – Planning stage.	Strengthening of old apron and allied works–completed. Extension of runway – Planning stage.
11.	Dehradun	Construction of new Terminal building – work completed.	Strengthening and extension of runway-work completed. Construction of apron – work completed.
12.	Dibrugarh	Terminal Building – work completed	New apron work completed. Runway strengthening – PDC Dec., 2010. Extension of runway – Kept in abeyance due to want of land from the Army.
13.	Goa	Construction of new integrated terminal building – PDC May 2012.	Construction of parallel taxi track. Two link taxi tracks. Two rapid exit taxiways.
14.	Guwahati	Modification to the existing Terminal Building – work completed. Construction of International Terminal building – Planning stage.	Extension of Runway, apron, Isolation Bay-work completed. Construction of parallel taxi track-Planning stage.
15.	Indore	Construction of Integrated Terminal building – PDC Dec. 2010	Extension of runway, Construction of New Apron and link taxiway – completed.
16.	Imphal	Modification of Terminal Building – PDC Oct. 2010.	Expansion of apron and link taxiway – PDC Oct., 2010.
17.	Jaipur	New International building – Completed.	

1	2	3	4
		Expansion of new International Terminal Building – Planning stage.	Construction of new apron, link taxi track and part parallel taxi track – completed. Extension of runway- Planning stage.
18.	Khajuraho	Construction of terminal building-PDC Dec., 2010.	Construction of new apron, link taxi track – Completed.
19.	Lucknow	Construction of new international terminal building car park –PDC Dec., 2010.	Construction of new apron/ Expansion of existing apron, rapid taxi track, parallel taxi track-completed.
20.	Madurai	Construction of new integrated terminal building complex – PDC Aug., 2010. Control Tower cum Technical Block – Planning stage.	Extension of runway, new apron-Completed. Parallel taxi track – Planning stage.
21.	Mangalore	Construction of a new Integrated Terminal Building – Completed	Extension of Runway – Completed.
22.	Mysore*	Construction of Terminal Building, Tech Block cum control tower, Fire Station etc- Work Completed.	The work for construction of Runway-work completed. Runway extension- Planning stage.
23.	Nagpur	Construction of New international arrival hall + Expansion of existing Terminal Building – Completed.	Provision of New Tech. Block cum Control Tower – Planning stage.
24.	Port Blair	New integrated terminal building – Planning stage.	Expansion and strengthening of apron – Completed.
25.	Pune	Lateral expansion of terminal building to make it an integrated terminal building – PDC August, 2010.	Construction of parallel taxi track and expansion of apron – completed.

1	2	3	4
26.	Raipur	Construction of new integrated terminal building – PDC Dec., 2010. Development of the airport for wide bodied aircraft operations – Planning Stage	Runway Extension and new apron – Completed.
27.	Ranchi	Construction of new Integrated terminal building – PDC March 2011.	Expansion/Strengthening of apron – Completed.
28.	Srinagar	Expansion & modification of Terminal Building–Completed .	Expansion of apron – Sept. 2010. Construction of cargo complex – Planning Stage. Expansion of car park.
29.	Surat	New Terminal Building – completed	Extension of Runway & apron – completed.
30.	Trivandrum	Construction of new international terminal building – Completed.	Part parallel taxi track – Work Completed.
31.	Trichy	Construction of new integrated terminal building – Completed.	Extension of runway – Completed.
32.	Udaipur	Construction of new terminal building – Work Completed. Construction of Technical Block and Control Tower- Work Completed.	Construction of new apron, link taxi track, isolation bay (Phase I)-Completed. Extension of runway – work Completed.
33.	Vishakha- patnam	Construction of new integrated terminal building – Completed.	Apron – completed.
34.	Varanasi	Construction of new integrated terminal building – PDC Aug., 2010.	Extension of runway- Completed. Expansion of apron – Completed.

1	2	3	4
35.	Vadodara	2) New integrated terminal building complex – Tender stage.	Apron for night parking – Completed Construction of parallel taxiway – Planning stage.

(b) Status of Developments of other Airports

S.No.	Airport	City Side/Terminal Building works	Air Side works
1	2	3	4
1	Agatti/ Lakshadweep	Construction of New Terminal Building – work completed. Technical Building cum control tower & fire station – work completed. Extension of runway, construction of new apron, Relocation of terminal building, Control Tower/Tech. Block – Planning Stage	Runway Extension, Construction of new Apron – work completed.
2	Akola	Modification of existing terminal building and other allied buildings- Work completed. Construction of control tower & Tech Block- planning stage.	Runway extension-Planning stage. Expansion of apron- Completed.
3	Belgaum	Expansion & modification of existing terminal building- Work Completed. Construction of New Terminal Building – Planning stage.	Extension of runway. Planning stage.
4	Cooch Behar	Construction of new Terminal Building – Work Completed.	Runway strengthening work completed.
5	Dimapur	Scope of work for face lifting of Terminal Building, and city Side developments are being finalized.	Expansion of apron – PDC March, 2010.

1	2	3	4
6	Gondia	Construction of New Terminal Building – Completed. Passenger lounge (for 25 passengers), Fir Station, Residential Quarters – completed.	Construction of 1 hanger Completed. Fire Station, Boundary wall, Control Tower–Completed. Extension of runway, part parallel taxi track – completed.
7	Hubli	Expansion & modification of existing Terminal Building–work completed. Construction of new Terminal Building– Planning stage.	Runway extension subject to availability of land - Planning Stage
8	Jammu	Modification of terminal building – Dec., 2010. (Planning stage). Construction of new civil air terminal complex.-Planning stage subject to land acquisition from State Govt.	Extension of Runway and expansion of apron Planning Stage.
9	Kullu	Construction of new terminal building – work completed.	Resurfacing of runway- Construction of new Apron and taxiway.
10	Patna	Construction of New Terminal Building, Isolation Bay & New Fire Station- Planning stage.	
11	Rajahmundry	Construction of new Terminal Building-PDC Nov., 2010.	Extension of Runway- Planning Stage.
12	Rajkot	Construction of new terminal– Planning stage.	Extension of Runway – Planning stage.
13	Vijayawada	New Terminal Building- Planning Stage	Extension & strengthening of runway- Completed.

Additional 10 Airports [As on July 2010]

Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh)

Strengthening of Rwy & extension of Apron	Work completed.
Installation of ILS	Work completed.
New Integrated Terminal Building	Planning stage

Tuticorin (Tamil Nadu)

Extension of Rwy & associated facilities for the operation of AB-320 class of aircraft	Planning stage. Master plan forwarded to Govt. of Tamil Nadu for additional land requirement of 650 Acres.
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Pondicherry (UT)

Extension & strengthening of Rwy for dimension 150m x 45m for ATR72 type of aircraft and subsequently for AB-320 type of aircraft operation with associated facilities including Apron, including widening of basic strip to 300m.	MOU signed. Govt. of Puducherry handed over 50 acres of land on the eastern side of the airport for the extension of the Rwy for ATR72 type of aircraft operation. Govt. of Puducherry is being pursued to hand over remaining land. Work order issued for extension and strengthening of runway for ATR 72 operations for Rs. 19.80 Crores. Work completed.
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Bagdogra (West Bengal)

Phase I Expansion of Apron for parking of 4 (A-321), 1 (IL -76) 2 Helicopter parking.	Work completed.
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Jaisalmer (Rajasthan)

Construction of New Apron for 3 parking stands – C Type	Work in Progress, Progress 15%.
Construction of New Terminal Building.	Planning stage.

Silchar (Assam)

Runway extension on either end upto 7500 ft.	One side extension completed (150 M) Either side work held up for NOC from IAF.
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Cuddapah (Andhra Pradesh)

Construction of Runway, Apron, Taxiway, Compound wall and allied works.

Runway & apron works completed, for ATR72 type of aircraft operation. Pre-fabricated Terminal building, technical block cum control tower and fire station in final stage. Tender under process.

Warangal (Andhra Pradesh)

Development of Airport for ATR type of aircraft operations.

MOU with Govt. of Andhra Pradesh signed in 2007. Projected the additional land requirement of 438 acres to Govt. of AP in 2008. Land transfer awaited.

Pantnagar (Uttarakhand)

Runway extension to cater for ATR 72 type of aircraft, Renovation of Terminal Building and Provision of Ground Lighting completed.

Work completed

Leh (Jammu & Kashmir)

* Construction of Civil Apron, Car Park

Work completed.

* Construction of New Terminal Building

Drawing finalized. Land transfer form IAF awaited.

Statement – II*Progress in respect of Kolkata and Chennai Airports*

Sl. No.	Name of Airport	Cost in crores	Status	Date of completion/ Likely date of commencement of operation
1	2	3	4	5
NSCBI Airport, Kolkata				
1.	C/o Integrated Terminal Building, I/c face lifting of terminals.			

1	2	3	4	5
	a) Terminal Bldg. works	1612.08	39%	August, 2011
	b) Extn. Of secondary runway, C/o taxi track, apron lighting aids, apron lighting parking bays, bridges, apron, etc.	100.00	98%	September, 2010
Chennai Airport, Chennai				
1.	Development of Kamraj Domestic Terminal, Expansion of Anna International and Face lifting of existing terminal.			
	a) Terminal Bldg. works	1212.06	49%	June, 2011
	b) Extn. Of secondary runway, parking bays, bridges, apron, etc.	230.86	94%	August, 2010
	(i) Construction of RCC / prestressed concrete bridge for aircraft movement across the adyar river	207.14	59%	December, 2010

Buying of Airbus A-380 by AI

2430. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- whether airlines including Air India propose to buy 60 Airbus A-380s in next 20 years;
- if so, the details thereof;
- the amount of earmarked for this purpose; and
- the aims of buying such a large number of Airbus A-380s?