

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that if the above norms are abolished, it will help new airlines; and
- (d) if so, whether Government has received any such demand from the new airlines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) No Sir. Government has not sought comments on continuation of the 5/20 norms.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Yes Sir. If it is abolished, new airlines can start international operations without waiting for 5 years and without having the minimum 20 aircrafts.
- (d) No Sir.

New airports in the country

161. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to construct new airports in the country;
- (b) if so, the State-wise details and the present status thereof including estimated project cost; and
- (c) the time by which construction of these airports are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Government of India (GoI) has granted “in principle” approval for setting up of the 15 Greenfield airports in the country. The list of these airports along with estimated project cost and present status is given in Statement (*See below*). The timeline for construction of airport projects depends upon many factors such as land acquisition, availability of mandatory clearances, financial closure, etc. by the respective promoter.

Statement

*Current Status of Greenfield Airports where 'In principle,
'approval has been accorded*

Sl. No.	Name of the Project/ Date of Receipt of proposal	Name of the Promoters	Current Status
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1.	Mopa Airport, Goa	State Government of Goa	Government of India (GoI) granted "in-principle" approval to Government of Goa for setting up of Greenfield airport at Mopa in Goa through Public Private Partnership (PPP) in March, 2000. The estimated project cost is ₹ 3000 crores. The project is at Request for Qualification (RFQ) stage.
2.	Navi Mumbai International Airport, Maharashtra	City and Industries Development Corporation of Maharashtra Limited (CIDCO) (State Govt. of Maharashtra)	GoI granted "in-principle" approval to Government of Maharashtra (GoM) for setting up of Greenfield airport at Navi Mumbai airport through Public Private Partnership (PPP) in May, 2007. The State Government appointed City and Industries Development Corporation of Maharashtra (CIDCO) as nodal agency for development of this Greenfield airport. The initial estimated Project cost is ₹ 14,500 crores. The project is at RFQ stage.
3.	Sindhudurg Airport, Maharashtra	Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC) (State Govt. of Maharashtra)	GoI granted 'In principle, approval to Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC), a State Govt. of Maharashtra entity for

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			<p>setting up of a Greenfield domestic airport at Sindhudurg in Maharashtra in Sept. 2008. A SPV, namely IRB Sindhudurg Pvt. Ltd. (ISAPL) has been created for the project development and operations. The estimated project cost is ₹ 350 crores. The construction work has already been commenced.</p>
4.	Bijapur Airport, Karnataka	State Government of Karnataka	<p>GoI granted 'in-principal' approval to Government of Karnataka (GoK) for setting up of domestic Greenfield airport at Bijapur in June 2008. Project Development Agreement (PDA) entered into between the State Govt. and a Private Party was terminated due to unviability of the project. On the request of the State Govt. AAI undertook a Pre-feasibility study for the proposed Bijapur Airport and submitted the report to the State Government. GoK and AAI are in talks for implementation of the project through AAI and the project cost is to be finalized thereafter.</p>
5.	Gulbarga Airport, Karnataka	State Government of Karnataka	<p>Govt. of India granted 'in-principal' approval to Govt. of Karnataka (GoK) for establishment of a Greenfield domestic airport at Gulbarga in June, 2008. GoK signed the</p>

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			Project Development Agreement (PDA) with a private developer. However, the PDA went into rough weather and reached the stage of termination. The airport works have been held up due to dispute between the developers. GoK is in the process of finding alternate ways for completion of the project. Due to dispute between the airport developer and the State Govt., the project cost is to be reworked out.
6.	Hassan Airport, Karnataka	State Government of Karnataka	GoI granted 'in-principle' approval to GoK for establishment of a Greenfield domestic airport at Hassan in June, 2008. PDA has been signed with the developer and the developer has prepared Detailed Project Report Estimated. The airport developer has revised the Detailed Project Report (DPR). Due to revision in the project report, the project cost is to be reworked out.
7.	Shimoga Airport, Karnataka	State Government of Karnataka	Govt. of India granted 'in-principle' approval to GoK in June, 2008. PDA has been signed with the developer by GoK. However, the developer has requested for an exit from the project citing reasons of economic non-feasibility. The airport works

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			have been held up due to dispute between the developers since Dec 2012. GoK is in the process of finding alternate means for completion of the project and the project cost is to be finalized thereafter.
8.	Kannur International Airport, Kerala	M/s KINFRA (A nodal agency of Govt. of Kerala)	GoI granted 'in principle' approval to Government of Kerala in January, 2008. M/s Kerala Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (KINFRA), a State Govt. agency, is the nodal agency for development of the airport. A Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) namely Ms Kannur International Airport Limited (KIAL) has been formed for the implementation of the project. Total estimated project cost is ₹ 1892 crores. Engineering procurement and construction (EPC-I) contract for the airside work has already been awarded. EPC-II contract costing ₹475 crores has been awarded to M/s L&T on 25.06.2014 for construction of terminal building, ATC Tower and other city side development.
9.	Durgapur International Airport, West Bengal	M/s Bengal Aerotropolis Project Limited (BAPL)	GoI granted 'in-principal' approval to M/s Bengal Aerotropolis Project Ltd. (BAPL) for setting up of a domestic Greenfield airport at

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			Durgapur in Dec, 2008. The construction work is at final stage. The estimated project cost is ₹ 280 crore. The airport developer has applied to Ministry of Defence (MoD) for grant of permission for operating the airport under Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) instead of Visual Flight Rules (VFR) which had earlier been granted by MoD.
10.	Dabra Airport, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh	M/s Gwalior Agriculture Company Limited	GoI granted 'in-principal' to M/s Gwalior Agriculture Company Limited for setting up of Greenfield airport at Dabra/ Datia, Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh in Dec, 2008. Estimated cost is ₹ 193.22 crore. After grant of 'in-principle' approval, there are litigation issues involved regarding land acquisition for the project. The matter is pending before Hon'ble Supreme Court.
11.	Pakyong airport, Sikkim	Airports Authority of India	GoI granted approval to Airports Authority of India (AAI) for setting up of a Greenfield airport at Pakyong in Sikkim in October, 2008. AAI has already started construction work. The initial estimated Project Cost is approx ₹ 310 crores. However, due to delay in project because of unforeseen circumstances, the

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			project cost is likely to be re-assessed.
12.	Kushinagar in Uttar Pradesh	Govt. of Uttar Pradesh	<p>GoI granted 'in principle' approval to State Govt. of Uttar Pradesh for setting up of Greenfield International airport at Kushinagar in Sept. 2010. The preliminary estimated total cost for developing the minimum specification of the proposed international airport development works out to ₹ 354 crores. Central Government has provided support of ₹ 70.93 crores (20% of the project cost) under Viability Gap Funding Scheme. The project is at RFQ stage.</p>
13.	Karaikal in Pudducherry	Karaikal Airport Private Limited.	<p>GoI granted 'in principle' approval to M/s Karaikal Airport Pvt. Ltd. for setting up of Greenfield International Airport at Karaikal region in Puducherry. Earlier the estimated project cost was ₹ 280 crores. Over the period of time, the team of M/s Karaikal Airport Private Limited has done intensive study and the total costing of the Karaikal airport has been brought down to ₹53 crores for a basic terminal with an apron and a 1.3 Km runway, supporting turbo prop aircraft operations.</p>

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14.	Shirdi in Ahmednagar District, Maharashtra	Maharashtra Airport Development Corporation Ltd. (State Govt. of Maharashtra)	GoI granted 'in principle' approval to Maharashtra Airport Development Corporation Ltd. (MADC), a State Govt. of Maharashtra entity for setting up of a Greenfield International airport at Shirdi in May 2011. The estimated project cost is ₹275 crores. Construction work has already been started by MADC.
15.	Aranmula in Kerala	M/s KGS Aranmula Airport Ltd.	GoI granted 'in principle' approval to M/s KGS Aranmula Airport Limited for setting up of a Greenfield airport at Aranmula in September, 2012. The estimated project cost is ₹ 2000 crores. National Green Tribunal (NGT) has set aside the environment clearance granted to the project by Ministry of Environment & Forest in Nov. 2013 granted to the project.

Denial of seats on booked flights by AI

162. SHRI SALIM ANSARI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that three days prior to Diwali this year a large number of passengers having confirmed tickets at Mumbai-Delhi sectors were denied seats on their booked flights;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that passengers booked seats in morning and afternoon flights were either accommodated in evening/night flights or completely denied seats on the same day;

(d) if so, whether any enquiry of this mess created by Air India (AI) officials were ordered; and