

Increase in air passengers

†2262. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the increase in the number of passengers travelling through airways across the country by the year 2025 estimated by Government;

(b) in view of the above increase, the steps taken by present Government for infrastructure development;

(c) the number of new airports constructed in the country and the number of new airports that will be constructed and old airports whose capacity will be increased in future; and

(d) the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAYANT SINHA): (a) As per the forecast made by Airports Authority of India (AAI), the airports across the country are likely to handle 694 million passengers by the year 2025 as against 309 million passengers handled during the year 2017-18.

(b) Development/upgradation of airports, to meet the increased passenger capacity, is a continuous process and is undertaken by Airports Authority of India (AAI) and concerned private operators from time to time depending on the availability of land, commercial viability, socio-economic considerations, traffic demand/willingness of airlines to operate to/from such airports. As a part of the NABH Nirman airport capacity expansion programme, the Government of India has proposed to increase the capacity of airports by 4 to 5 times to handle a billion passenger trips per year over the next 10 to 15 years. To meet the demand, AAI has embarked upon a Capital Expenditure (CAPEX) plan of ₹ 25,000 crore in next 4-5 years for development/modernisation/upgradation of terminal buildings of AAI airports in the country including Calicut in Kerala, Port Blair in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Agartala in Tripura, Guwahati in Assam, Tiruchirapalli and Chennai in Tamil Nadu, Agra and Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh, Dehradun in Uttarakhand, Jaipur in Rajasthan, Leh and Srinagar in Jammu and Kashmir, Kolhapur and Pune in Maharashtra, Patna in Bihar, Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh and Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh. Concerned private operators at Delhi and Bengaluru airports have proposed to increase the overall capacity of the airports by way of expansion and upgradation of Terminal-I, Construction of 4th runway and Parallel Taxi Track at Delhi Airport and construction of 2nd Terminal Building and new runway at Bengaluru Airport.

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(c) and (d) Government of India, Ministry of Civil Aviation has granted 'in principle' approval for setting up of 20 Greenfield Airports across the country namely Mopa in Goa, Navi Mumbai, Sindhudurg and Shirdi in Maharashtra, Bijapur, Gulbarga, Hassan and Shimoga in Karnataka, Kannur in Kerala, Durgapur in West Bengal, Datia in Madhya Pradesh, Pakyong in Sikkim, Kushinagar and Noida in Uttar Pradesh, Dholera and Hirasar in Gujarat, Karaikal in Puducherry and Dagadarthi, Bhogapuram and Oravakal in Andhra Pradesh. Out of these 20 airports, four Greenfield airports have been recently inaugurated namely Durgapur in West Bengal, Shirdi in Maharashtra, Pakyong in Sikkim and Kannur in Kerala. Increasing the passenger capacity at existing airports is a continuous process and is undertaken by AAI and concerned private operators from time to time depending on the availability of land, commercial viability, socio-economic considerations, traffic demand/willingness of airlines to operate to/from such airports.

Upgradation of airports

2263. SHRI VINAY DINU TENDULKAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans for upgradation of a few and selective airports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons/criteria for selecting a few airports only;

(c) the steps being taken by AAI to upgrade the airports to meet the growing demand and future challenges; and

(d) the time by when the upgradation work would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAYANT SINHA): (a) to (d) Upgradation of airports is a continuous process and is undertaken by Airports Authority of India (AAI) and concerned private operators from time to time depending on the availability of land, commercial viability, socio-economic considerations, traffic demand/willingness of airlines to operate to/from such airports. To meet the demand, AAI has embarked upon a Capital Expenditure (CAPEX) plan of ₹ 25,000 crores in next 4-5 years for development/modernisation/upgradation of terminal buildings of AAI airports in the country including Calicut in Kerala, Port Blair in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Agartala in Tripura, Guwahati in Assam, Tiruchirapalli and Chennai in Tamil Nadu, Agra and Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh, Dehradun in Uttarakhand, Jaipur in Rajasthan, Leh and Srinagar in Jammu