

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS**Modernisation of Thoothukudi Airport**

1083. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has initiated/ taken up modernisation of Thoothukudi Airport after obtaining 600.97 acres of land from the State Government of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has fixed any time-frame to complete the upgradation/modernisation of Thoothukudi Airport;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAYANT SINHA): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. The Airports Authority of India (AAI) has finalized the Scope of Work for Extension of Runway with Blast pad, Runway End Safety Area (RESA), Taxiway, Apron, Isolation Bay and New Domestic Terminal Building at Thoothukudi Airport with Probable Date of Completion (PDC) in August, 2021.

Increase in domestic flight passengers

1084. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there has been increase in the number of domestic flight passengers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of increased number of passengers for last three years, State wise;
- (c) whether carrying capacity of airports are in accordance with the increased number of passengers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the details of steps undertaken for increasing carrying capacity of airports for last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAYANT SINHA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The State/ UT-wise details of the increased