

**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

number of domestic passengers for the last three years is given in the Statement (See below).

(c) and (d) At present, the terminal capacity at all operational airports of Airports Authority of India along with seven Joint Venture airports namely Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Cochin, Nagpur and Kannur is 346 MPPA (Million Passengers Per Annum) against the demand of 309 MPPA handled during the year 2017-18. Further, increasing airports 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. AAI has undertaken and completed development and expansion works at many airports viz. Vadodara, Shimla, Bhatinda, Vijayawada, Belagavi, Kishangarh, Goa, Hubballi, Jaipur, Lucknow, Mangaluru, Trivendrum, Calicut, Tezu, Adampur, Gorakhpur, Jharsuguda and Prayagraj etc. in last three years. Also, greenfield airports at Pakyong, Shirdi and Kannur have been operationalized during the last three years. Further, 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 various airports in the country.

#### *Statement*

*Details of Number of passengers carried by scheduled domestic airlines on scheduled domestic operations (departed from and arrived at)*

State/UT	Passengers (in Lac)			Growth in %	
	2016	2017	2018	2017 over 2016	2018 over 2017
1	2	3	4	5	6
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	10.61	14.03	16.9	32.2	20.2
Andhra Pradesh	35.62	38.17	52.0	7.2	36.3
Arunachal Pradesh	0.000	0.000	0.015	-	-
Assam	41.73	55.01	66.6	31.8	21.1
Bihar	20.17	29.30	40.0	45.3	36.4
Chandigarh	16.94	21.26	18.2	25.5	-14.4
Chhattisgarh	13.27	15.25	20.3	15.0	32.8
Daman and Diu	0.21	0.19	0.2	-11.2	6.7

1	2	3	4	5	6
Delhi	409.97	469.07	519.7	14.4	10.8
Goa	56.84	66.66	74.3	17.3	11.4
Gujarat	80.15	96.94	122.3	20.9	26.1
Himachal Pradesh	1.30	1.62	1.7	24.4	8.0
Jammu and Kashmir	38.15	42.34	48.1	11.0	13.6
Jharkhand	10.00	17.33	24.5	73.2	41.3
Karnataka	197.02	226.97	301.4	15.2	32.8
Kerala	58.77	71.36	82.2	21.4	15.1
Lakshadweep	0.18	0.22	0.3	26.7	21.2
Madhya Pradesh	26.03	31.09	40.2	19.5	29.2
Maharashtra	404.69	435.84	477.4	7.7	9.5
Manipur	8.22	9.00	11.5	9.5	28.0
Meghalaya	0.12	0.14	0.1	11.5	6.4
Mizoram	1.85	2.65	2.4	43.6	-11.1
Nagaland	1.32	1.77	1.9	33.6	9.0
Odisha	21.07	29.00	40.8	37.7	40.5
Puducherry	0.00	0.18	0.9	-	400.7
Punjab	10.34	14.98	18.3	44.8	21.9
Rajasthan	44.87	54.66	67.2	21.8	23.0
Sikkim	0.00	0.00	0.1	-	-
Tamil Nadu	154.37	175.23	214.2	13.5	22.2
Telangana	116.45	148.68	188.0	27.7	26.4
Tripura	10.83	12.80	14.2	18.1	11.3
Uttar Pradesh	48.99	57.07	76.9	16.5	34.8
Uttarakhand	7.81	10.52	12.3	34.7	17.3
West Bengal	141.57	186.18	219.0	31.5	17.7