

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI): (a) to (c) Digi Yatra is an initiative of the Ministry of Civil Aviation for providing seamless and hassle-free passenger processing at Indian airports, without the need for verification of ticket and ID at multiple touch points. In the first phase, this project will be initiated at Kolkata, Pune, Vijayawada, Varanasi, Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Cochin, Mumbai and Delhi airports by December, 2019.

**Target fixed for new airports by 2022**

†1276. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the number of new airports targeted to be built/old airports to be upgraded by the year 2022 in the country;
- (b) the names of the places where these new airports are being constructed in the country; and
- (c) the number of air passengers expected to increase on account of construction of new airports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI): (a) and (b) Government of India, Ministry of Civil Aviation has formulated a Greenfield Airport Policy for development of Greenfield Airports across the country. In line with the Policy, Government of India has granted 'in principle' approval for setting up of 21 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 Gwalior, Pakyong in Sikkim, Kushinagar and Noida (Jewar) in Uttar Pradesh, Dholera and Hirasar in Gujarat, Karaikal in Puducherry, Dagadharthi, Bhogapuram and Oravakal in Andhra Pradesh and Holongi, Itanagar in Arunachal Pradesh. Greenfield Airports at Shirdi, Kannur, Durgapur and Pakyong have already been operationalized. Further, in addition to above, Government of India has granted 'site clearance' approval for setting up of 06 Greenfield Airports across the country namely Machiwara in Ludhiana, Jamshedpur in Jharkhand, Alwar (Bhiwadi) in Rajasthan, Kothagudem, Dist. Khammam in Telangana,

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Singrauli in Madhya Pradesh and Purandar in Pune. Construction of airport projects depends upon many factors such as land acquisition, availability of mandatory clearances, financial closure etc. by the individual developer which involve a lengthy and time consuming process. Upgradation of old/existing airports is a continuous process, which is undertaken by Airports Authority of India (AAI) from time to time depending upon various factors such as land availability, traffic demand, operational requirements, demand from airlines, etc. AAI has embarked upon a Capital Expenditure (CAPEX) plan of ₹ 25,000 crores in next 4-5 years for development/upgradation of AAI airports in the country including Calicut in Kerala, Port Blair in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Agartala in Tripura, Guwahati in Assam, Trichy and Chennai in Tamil Nadu, Prayagraj and Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh, Dehradun in Uttarakhand, Leh in Jammu and Kashmir, Kolhapur and Pune in Maharashtra, Patna in Bihar, Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh and Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh. In addition to above, under RCS-UDAN around 100 airports will be operationalized subject to demand by the airlines.

(c) After completion of the construction of new airports/upgradation of old airports, the traffic handling capacity of the airports is likely to be increased by around 100 million passengers.

#### **Success rate under UDAN scheme**

1277. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the success rate under UDAN scheme is apparently less than 20 per cent;

(b) whether it is also a fact that of the 400 odd air routes allotted to 14 major and fledgling airlines under the two phases of UDAN, not more than 40 to 60 routes are operating regularly;

(c) whether it is also a fact that one of the reasons for the failure of UDAN scheme is the lack of infrastructure at the airports; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI): (a) and (b) Till date, 39 airports have been connected under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) –UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) involving 174 routes.