

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 967  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021)**

**EXPENDITURE ON CONSTRUCTION/UPGRADATION OF AIRPORTS**

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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Government has made any action plan for the construction of new airports/upgradation and expansion of old airports, if so, the number of new airports constructed/being constructed along with their location under this action plan; and
- (b) the details of financial expenditure done by Government for this till now?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION**

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(a): Government of India (GoI) has accorded '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, Hassan, Kalaburagi and Shimoga in Karnataka; DABRA (Gwalior) in Madhya Pradesh; Kushinagar and Jewar (Noida) in Uttar Pradesh; Dholera and Hirasar in Gujarat; Karaikal in Puducherry, Dagadarthi, Bhogapuram and Orvakal in Andhra Pradesh; Durgapur in West Bengal; Pakyong in Sikkim; Kannur in Kerala and Hollongi (Itanagar) in Arunachal Pradesh. So far, six Greenfield airports namely, Shirdi in Maharashtra, Durgapur in West Bengal, Pakyong in Sikkim, Kannur in Kerala, Orvakal in Andhra Pradesh and Kalaburagi in Karnataka have been operationalized. Additionally, Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on 21-10-2016 to stimulate regional air connectivity. Under the scheme, as on 20.07.2021, 59 airports including 2 water aerodromes and 5 heliports have been revived/operationalized. The upgradation and expansion of old airports is a continuous process and is undertaken by AAI 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.

(b): During the last five years (FY 2016-17 to 2020-21), an amount of approx. Rs. 17,784 crore has been spent by the Government/ Airports Authority of India in renovating/ building airports.

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