

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
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MODERNISATION OF AIRPORTS UNDER PPP MODE

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to formulate any policy for modernisation of all the airports in the country under Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode;
- (b) if so, the State-wise details thereof including Odisha; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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(a) to (c): In the year 2008, Greenfield Airports Policy was approved paving the way for development of Greenfield airports either by Government or a Private Entity or under Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode. National Civil Aviation Policy, 2016 also emphasizes development of airports through PPP route. It states that Ministry of Civil Aviation will continue to encourage development of airports by the State Governments or the private sector or in PPP mode. It has thus been the policy of the Government of India to call for investment from private sector in the field of infrastructure including aviation. Government of India has put special emphasis on the development of airports through private participation.

In 2006, Airports Authority of India (AAI) leased out Delhi Airport in Union Territory of Delhi and Mumbai Airport in Maharashtra for operation, management and development of these airports under PPP. In 2018-19, six more airports viz. Ahmedabad in Gujarat, Jaipur in Rajasthan, Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh, Guwahati in Assam, Thiruvananthapuram in Kerala and Mangaluru in Karnataka were awarded under PPP by AAI. AAI Board in its 190th Meeting held on 05th September, 2019 has approved leasing of another six airports namely Bhubaneshwar in Odisha, Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh, Amritsar in Punjab, Raipur in Chhattisgarh, Indore in Madhya Pradesh and Trichy in Tamil Nadu for their operations, management and development through PPP.
