

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1782**  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4<sup>th</sup> August 2021)

**DEVELOPING AIRPORT INFRASTRUCTURE IN VARIOUS CITIES OF THE  
COUNTRY**

1782. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any plan to develop airport infrastructure in various cities of the country;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that there is lack of space to expand civil enclaves at defence airports thereby limiting flight operations in several cities of the country; and
- (c) if so, the steps being taken to improve the airport infrastructure?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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(a): Government of India (GoI) has formulated a Greenfield Airport Policy, 2008 which provides guidelines for establishment of new Greenfield Airports in the country. Government of India has accorded 'in-principle' approval for setting up of 21 Greenfield Airports across the country. Besides this, 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.

(b): Airports Authority of India (AAI) manages 29 Civil Enclaves (CE) at various defence airfields across the country. At some of these airfields, the expansion of existing CE is not possible due to non-availability of land and restrictions imposed by Defence Authorities, like the number of hours for Civilian Operations and the number of civilian aircraft movements per hour, thereby limiting flight operations.

(c): The upgradation of airport infrastructure 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.

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