

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 1614**  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021)

**EXPANSION OF AIRPORT IN PUDUCHERRY**

1614. SHRI S. SELVAGANABATHY

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has approved for expansion of the present airport at Puducherry;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that necessary approvals from the Ministry and also environmental and other clearances from the Ministry of Environment had been issued; and
- (c) if so, the reasons for delay in starting the expansion work of the airport?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

- (a): The Airports Authority of India (AAI) has prepared a master plan for expansion of Puducherry airport over two phases and has projected a total land requirement of 57.5 acres from Puducherry and 368 acres from Tamil Nadu.
- (b) & (c): Necessary approval shall be obtained while taking up expansion work of the Airport once the required land is made available by the State Government.

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