

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 2402
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20th December 2021)

PLAN TO PRIVATISE AIRPORTS IN RAJASTHAN

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to privatise Jaipur, Udaipur and Jodhpur airports in Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether crores of rupees have been allocated/spent for the expansion of airports at Jaipur, Udaipur and Jodhpur, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the reasons for handing over these airports to private companies despite the fact that approximately an amount of Rs.1,000 crore has already been invested for expansion and modernisation of these airports?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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

(a) & (b): Airports are brought under Public Private Partnership (PPP) for increasing efficiency, service quality and better management and operation at the airports in public interest. Revenue earned by Airports Authority of India (AAI) through PPP has resulted in enhanced financial stability and focus on development / upgradation of airports in Tier-II and Tier-III cities. Accordingly, AAI has recently leased out 06 airports including Jaipur for a period of 50 years under PPP. In the next phase of PPP, AAI has identified 13 more airports to be leased out, which do not include Jodhpur and Udaipur Airports.

(c) & (d): AAI has spent close to Rs. 190 crore towards construction of additional parking bays, parallel taxi track and renovation of the old T1 Terminal Building at Jaipur Airport and has incurred approximately Rs. 12 crore towards construction of new Apron & Link Taxi at Jodhpur Airport. AAI receives back the investment done at the leased out airport in the form of upfront fee.
