GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION **RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 3539** (TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4th April 2022)

GREENFIELD AIRPORTS IN HP

3539. MS. INDU BALA GOSWAMI

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

(a) whether 15th Finance Commission has recommended for expansion of greenfield airports at Nagchala, Mandi and the Gaggal located Kangra airport at Himachal Pradesh (HP); and

(b) if so, the funds proposed to be allocated for these two projects?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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

(a): Yes, Sir. 15th Finance Commission has recommended construction of a greenfield airport at Nagchala, Mandi and also, expansion and upgradation of the existing Kangra airport at Gaggal, Dharmashala in Himachal Pradesh.

(b): No specific fund has been allocated by Government of India for the above two projects.

The State Government of Himachal Pradesh (GoHP) is developing a new Greenfield Airport at Mandi. As per the Greenfield Airports Policy, 2008, the responsibility for implementation of a project, including funding arrangements, lies with the concerned airport developer or the State Government, as the case may be.

Gaggal Airport belongs to AAI with scheduled operations and the construction/upgradation of this airport is undertaken by AAI through its own funds, as and when required.
