

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 1606
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 1st August 2022)**

**UPGRADATION AND MODERNIZATION OF MAJOR AIRSTRIPS IN
TAMIL NADU**

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

- (a) whether Government is undertaking the upgradation and modernization of major airstrips in various States of the country especially in Tamil Nadu considering the increase in traffic;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government is aware that inadequate length of runway of some airports in Tamil Nadu makes landing and take-off difficult for an aircraft; and
- (d) if so, the details and names of such airports?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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

(a) to (b): Development/Upgradation of airports is a continuous process and is undertaken by Airports Authority of India (AAI) or other Airport Operators 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.

Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on 21-10-2016 to enhance regional air connectivity from unserved and underserved airports in the country and making air travel affordable to the masses. An airport /airstrip /helipad /heliport /water aerodrome which is included in the awarded routes of RCS - UDAN and requires upgradation/development for commencement of RCS operations, is developed under "Revival of unserved and underserved airports" scheme. Under this Scheme, the Government has set a target to operationalize 100 airports upto 2024 subject to availability of land and statutory approvals etc. Details of the 100 Airports are attached as Annexure. Four airports namely Neyveli, Tanjore, Vellore and Ramnad in the State of Tamil Nadu have been awarded for up-gradation for the operation of RCS flights under UDAN. Salem Airport is already upgraded and operationalised

on 25.03.2018.

(c): All the airports in the country including airports in Tamil Nadu are licensed by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation for aircraft operations only after ensuring requisite safety and infrastructural provisions in line with the Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR) and International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) standards.

(d): No such incident of operational issues has been reported due to shortage of runway length at any of the airports in Tamil Nadu.

LIST OF 100 AIRPORTS STATEWISE (Being upgraded from 01.04.2019)

S. No.	State	Number of Airports/Heliports/Water Aerodrome
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	6
2.	Andhra Pradesh	2
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	8
4.	Assam	4
5.	Bihar	1
6.	Chhattisgarh	2
7.	Diu & Daman	1
8.	Gujarat	3
9.	Haryana	2
10.	Himachal Pradesh	7
11.	Jharkhand	5
12.	Karnataka	3
13.	Ladakh	2
14.	Lakshadweep	1
15.	Maharashtra	5
16.	Manipur	5
17.	Nagaland	1
18.	Odisha	3
19.	Rajasthan	2
20.	Tamil Nadu	4
21.	Telangana	1
22.	Uttar Pradesh	14
23.	Uttarakhand	13
24.	West Bengal	5
Total		100