

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
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(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 8th August 2022)

AIRPORTS OPERATIONAL IN THE COUNTRY

2407. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR

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

- (a) the number of operational airports in the country in 2014 and the latest number;
- (b) the details thereof;
- (c) the number of new airports under construction or conversion or expansion; and
- (d) the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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

(a) & (b): In 2014, 74 airports were operational in the country. Presently, there are 141 operational airports in the country, which includes 131 airports, 02 Water aerodromes and 08 Heliports.

(c) & (d): Expansion and development of airports is a continuous process and is undertaken by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) or the concerned airport operator from time to time depending upon commercial viability, traffic demand, availability of land etc.

Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) has also granted 'in-principle' approval for the development of 21 Greenfield Airports across the country. Eight Greenfield Airports have been operationalized. The remaining 13 airports are Mopa in Goa, Navi Mumbai in Maharashtra, Vijayapura, Hassan and Shivamogga in Karnataka, Dabra (Gwalior) in Madhya Pradesh, Noida (Jewar) in Uttar Pradesh, Dholera and Hirasar (Rajkot) in Gujarat, Karaikal in Puducherry, Dagadarthi (Nellore) and Bhogapuram in Andhra Pradesh, and Hollongi (Itanagar) in Arunachal Pradesh. In addition, Government of India has also granted the first stage clearance i.e. site clearance for construction of three Greenfield airports at Alwar in Rajasthan, Singrauli in Madhya Pradesh and Mandi in Himachal Pradesh.
