

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 2897  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023)**

**SETTING UP OF ADDITIONAL AIRPORTS**

2897. DR. KALPANA SAINI

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

- (a) whether Government has any proposal to set up additional airports in different cities of the country to deal with heavy rush at major airports in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the cities where setting up of additional airports is under consideration; and
- (c) whether the cities of Uttarakhand are covered under this, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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

(a) & (b): Government of India has granted 'in-principle' approval for setting up of 21 Greenfield airports in the country. Out of these, Mopa (Goa), Noida (Jewar), Navi Mumbai, and Dholera will also act as additional airports to the existing airports. As a second airport to Chennai, State Government of Tamil Nadu has submitted an application to Ministry of Civil Aviation for grant of 'Site-Clearance' for development of a new Greenfield airport at Parandur, Kancheepuram District, Tamil Nadu and the proposal is under examination by Airports Authority of India (AAI), Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and Ministry of Defense (MoD).

(c): Ministry of Civil Aviation had received an application for 'Site-Clearance' for the development of a new Greenfield airport at Pantnagar in Uttarakhand. However, in December, 2022, State Government of Uttarakhand requested to keep their application in abeyance, as expansion of existing Pantnagar airport is being alternatively considered.

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