

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 1617**  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023)

**UNPRECEDENTED GROWTH IN AVIATION SECTOR**

1617. SHRI RAKESH SINHA  
SHRI SAMIR ORAON  
DR. ANIL JAIN  
SHRI BABURAM NISHAD

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

- (a) whether the country's aviation sector is witnessing unprecedented growth;
- (b) the number of new airports and terminals opened during the last one year; and
- (c) the total number of airports that were made operational in 2013 and are operational at present?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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

(a): Yes, Sir. Before Covid-19 pandemic, India was one of the fastest growing aviation market in the world. During the six-year period i.e. 2014-15 to 2019-20, Indian airports witnessed robust double-digit Compound Annual Growth Rate of 12.4% in terms of total passenger traffic. Post Covid, Indian aviation industry is again on the growth trajectory and the total passenger traffic has recovered to the tune of 96% during 2022-23 as compared to pre-covid.

(b): In the last twelve months, three greenfield airports namely, Mopa in Goa, Rajkot in Gujarat and Shivamogga in Karnataka have been operationalised. In addition, new terminals buildings at Rourkela, Chennai, Tezu, Kanpur and Port Blair airports have been developed.

(c): Before 2014, there were 74 operational airports in country and as on date there are 149 operational airports in the country.

\*\*\*\*\*