

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 20
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 25th November 2024)

**EXPANSION OF SRI GURU RAM DAS JI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT,
AMRITSAR**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of constant rise in the footfall of domestic and international passengers at Sri Guru Ram Das Ji International airport, Amritsar;
- (b) if so, whether Government is considering any proposal for expansion of the airport;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government during the last three years to improve air connectivity to Punjab from different parts of the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

- (a): Yes, the footfall of domestic and international passengers at Sri Guru Ram Das Ji International Airport, Amritsar has increased in recent years. The total passenger traffic has increased by 62%, 82% and 23% in 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24, respectively.
- (b) & (c): To address the rising air traffic, the Airports Authority of India (AAI) has undertaken the expansion and reconfiguration of the existing terminal building at Amritsar Airport, adding approximately 10,000 square meters to its area. Post-expansion, the terminal's peak hour passenger handling capacity is expected to rise from 1600 to 2000 passengers.
- (d): The Government launched the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) in October 2016 to enhance air connectivity from unserved and underserved airports across the country, including those in Punjab. Under the UDAN scheme, four airports in Punjab - Adampur, Bhatinda, Ludhiana, and Pathankot, have been identified and developed. A total of 44 routes were awarded under the UDAN scheme in Punjab, of which 32 routes have been operationalised, while 4 routes have been cancelled.
