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GREENFIELD PROJECT

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

- (a) the amount of fund sanctioned by Government for the Greenfield airport project;
- (b) the modern facilities being provided under the Greenfield airport; and
- (c) the role of the Greenfield airport project in increasing local employment opportunities, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a): Government of India (GoI) has formulated a Greenfield Airports (GFA) Policy, 2008 for development of new Greenfield airports in the country. As per the policy, if any Airport developer including the State Government desires to develop an airport, they are required to identify a suitable site and get the Pre-feasibility Study conducted for construction of airport and submit a proposal to the Central Government for 'Site Clearance' followed by 'In-Principle' approval.

As per the GFA Policy, 2008, the responsibility for implementation of the Greenfield airport project including land acquisition, funding, R&R etc. lies with the concerned airport developer or the State Government, as the case may be. The timeline for completion of the airport projects depends upon many factors such as land acquisition, availability of mandatory clearances, financial closure etc.

(b): Majorly Greenfield airports in India are designed with state-of-the-art terminals featuring self-check-in kiosks, automated baggage handling systems, self-baggage drop facility and advanced security screening for smooth and efficient passenger movement. These terminals also prioritise passenger experience enhancements. Sustainable and green infrastructure is a key focus, with energy-efficient systems, solar panels, and water conservation measures incorporated into the design. Accessibility features such as ramps, wheelchairs, and clear signage ensure a seamless experience for differently-abled passengers, making these

airports modern, efficient, and inclusive. Local Art, Culture and Heritage also gets portrayed in building design and airport terminals.

(c): Airports have emerged as a nucleus of economic activities and have multiplier effect on the economy of the State. The linkage between the Civil Aviation Sector and Economic Growth is well recognised. International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) study shows that the air connectivity has an economic multiplier of 3.25 and employment multiplier of 6.1. Further, the development of airports in the Country are expected to significantly boost regional connectivity, stimulate economic growth, and enhance tourism.
