

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. : 36
(To be answered on the 19th July 2018)**

EXPANSION OF AIRPORTS

***36. SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has accorded environmental clearance for expansion of the Delhi airport and if so, the details thereof along with the time by which it is likely to be expanded;
- (b) whether the Government has taken any steps to ease air traffic at various congested airports in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the funds earmarked for the purpose;
- (d) whether the Airports Authority of India (AAI) has also approached the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change for seeking permission for various expansion programmes of seven airports including the Pune airport; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the response of the said Ministry thereto?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION
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(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in reply to part (a) to (e) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No.36 for 19.07.2018 regarding "Expansion of Airports":

(a) Yes, Madam. The Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change has accorded environmental clearance for expansion of Indira Gandhi International Airport on 30th May, 2018. The preparatory work for expansion has already been started

(b) & (c) : The congestion occurs during certain periods of the day, when demand exceeds capacity and this problem is being resolved in the near-term through management of slot allocation/co-ordination with airlines to avoid bunching of flights. As a part of the NABH Nirman airport capacity expansion programme, the Government of India has proposed to increase the capacity of airports by 4 to 5 times to handle a billion passenger trips per year over the next next 10 to 15 years. To meet the demand, AAI has embarked upon a Capital Expenditure (CAPEX) plan of Rs. 20,000 crores in next 4 years for development / modernisation / upgradation of terminal buildings of AAI airports in the country including Calicut, Port Blair, Agartala, Guwahati, Chennai, Lucknow, Dehradun, Jaipur, Srinagar, Tiruchirapalli, Pune, Patna, Jabalpur, Vijayawada, Leh, Agra and Kolhapur. Development / upgradation of airports is a continuous process and is undertaken by Airports Authority of India (AAI) from time to time depending on the availability of land, commercial viability, socio-economic considerations, traffic demand / willingness of airlines to operate to/from such airports.

(d) & (e). Yes, Madam. AAI has applied for Environmental Clearance for Pune, Tiruchirapalli, Patna, Agra, Dehradun, Lucknow and Jabalpur airports and has submitted the draft Environmental Impact Assessment report with the concerned Pollution Control Boards / Expert Appraisal Committee for public hearing and Environmental Clearances.
