

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1501
(To be answered on the 13th February 2025)**

TRIAL SITES FOR AIR TAXIS

1501. SHRI SELVAGANAPATHI T.M.

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government has initiated identifying trial sites for air taxis or electric vertical takeoff and landing aircraft and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is also true that the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has visited sites in many States in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether it is also true that the Government is looking at a regulatory sandbox within the country in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (c): With a view to promote the Advanced Air Mobility in the country and create an enabling eco-system, a delegation consisting of officers from the Ministry, DGCA and AAI and industry stakeholders recently visited the following potential Sandbox sites in the States of Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh:

1. State of Gujarat:

- (i) Mandvi Airstrip in Kutch**
- (ii) Sabarmati River Front.**

2. State of Andhra Pradesh:

- (i) Kurnool Airport**
- (ii) Puttaparthi Airport.**
