

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
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INITIATIVES TAKEN BY AAI FOR GROWTH OF AIRPORTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) the details of the major projects or initiatives undertaken by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) that contributed to the positive evaluation and growth in airports;**
- (b) whether the AAI proposes to maintain or improve this rating in the upcoming years and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) whether the AAI is working on the proposal of the State Government of Maharashtra regarding opening of New Airport at Palghar district in Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(a): AAI's positive performance assessment under the MoU framework is attributed not only to major projects undertaken, but is also owing to its

achievement against key financial, operational, and governance parameters. In FY 2023-24, AAI achieved Rs.14,962.76 crore as 'Revenue from Operations' against the target of Rs.14,000 crore. Additionally, AAI recorded its highest-ever Capital Expenditure of Rs.5,335.00 crore in FY 2023-24, reflecting its commitment to Airport development.

The major projects completed by AAI during the FY 2023-24 include the inauguration of new Terminal Buildings, development of allied infrastructure and new Airport at Chennai, Port Blair, Surat, Tiruchirapally, Ayodhya, Tezu, Pune, Kolhapur, Gwalior, Jabalpur, Rajkot, Aligarh, Azamgarh, Chithrakoot, Moradabad, Shravasti Airports respectively.

AAI also endeavored to meet its key MoU targets and mandates in line with Government of India directives, including Government e-Marketplace (GeM) Procurement, Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS) Portal implementation, Corporate Governance, and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives, further reinforcing its strong performance evaluation.

(b): AAI is committed to maintaining and further improving its MoU rating in the coming years through proactive performance monitoring and strategic interventions. AAI periodically reviews all MoU parameters to ensure alignment with targeted levels. Additionally, best efforts are made to ensure compliance with Government-mandated parameters, thereby reinforcing AAI's commitment to operational excellence and governance.

(c): 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 Prefeasibility study conducted for construction of airport and submit a proposal to the Central Government for 'Site Clearance' followed by 'In-Principle' approval.

GoI has not received any proposal seeking its approval under Greenfield Airports Policy, 2008 for construction of a Greenfield Airport at Palghar, Maharashtra either from the State Government of Maharashtra or any Airport Developer.
