

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO : 49**  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022)

**OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF AIRPORTS BY PRIVATE  
SECTOR COMPANIES**

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

- (a) the number of airports which have been given to private sector companies for operation and maintenance in the country, State-wise details thereof;
- (b) the role of Airports Authority of India (AAI) vis-a-vis such operating companies; and
- (c) whether safety aspect has been taken care of, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia)

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

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Statement in reply to parts (a) to (c) of the Starred (\*) Question No. 49 for answer on 07.02.2022 regarding 'Operation and maintenance of airports by private sector companies'.

(a) & (b): Airports Authority of India (AAI) has leased out eight of its airports through Public Private Partnership (PPP) for operation, management and development on long term lease basis. These airports are Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi in Union Territory of Delhi, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, Mumbai in Maharashtra, Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport, Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport, Ahmedabad in Gujarat, Mangaluru International Airport in Karnataka, Jaipur International Airport in Rajasthan, Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport, Guwahati in Assam and Thiruvananthapuram International Airport in Kerala.

The ownership of these airports remain with AAI and the airports will come back to AAI after the Concession Period is over. AAI has signed Operation, Management and Development Agreement (OMDA) for Delhi and Mumbai airports and separate Concession Agreements for each of the other six airports. The role of AAI is to oversee and also to provide reasonable assistance to the Concessionaires to ensure that these airports are operated, managed & developed by them as per the provisions of the OMDA/Concession Agreement. Further, the Communication Navigation Surveillance (CNS) and Air Traffic Management (ATM) services at these airports shall continue to be performed by Airports Authority of India

(c): Considering the fact that Aviation Industry is one where safety and security of passengers are of paramount importance, all the safety aspects have been taken care of while undertaking PPP at airports. The Concessionaires are required to adhere to all the safety related provisions in accordance with Applicable Laws, Applicable Permits and relevant International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Documents and Annexes. Additionally, the Concessionaires hold the Aerodrome License in their name as Airport Operator and are accountable to Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) for observing safety in operation and management of Airport.

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