

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 15
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21st July 2025)

NEW AIRPORTS IN ANDHRA PRADESH

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

- (a) the number of new airports developed in the State of Andhra Pradesh during the last five years;
- (b) the number of flights being operated from airports in the State of Andhra Pradesh at present;
- (c) the total number of airports proposed in the State of Andhra Pradesh, and the details of the number of airports where work has commenced on the proposed airports; and
- (d) the status of proposed Dagadarthi Airport in SPSR Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh and timeline for taking up various activities for construction of Dagadarthi Airport?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

- (a) During last five years , a new Greenfield airport at Orvakal (Kurnool) has been developed in the state of Andhra Pradesh
- (b) The weekly movement of flights per week (Arrival+ Departure) at airports in Andhra Pradesh is 1194.
- (c) & (d): Government of India (GoI) has formulated a Greenfield Airports (GFA) Policy, 2008 for development of new Greenfield airports in the country.

GoI has granted 'In-Principle' approval in 2016 for construction of 3 Greenfield airports in the State of Andhra Pradesh viz. Orvakal (Kurnool), Dagadarthi (Nellore) and Bhogapuram. Andhra Pradesh Airport Development Corporation Limited (APADCL) has undertaken the development of all three airport projects. Orvakal (Kurnool) Greenfield Airport has been operationalised in 2021. Construction work at Bhogapuram Greenfield airport project under Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode is also progressing.

As regards Dagadarthi airport, Concession agreement was executed between APADCL and Nellore International Airport Private Limited (NIAL) in 2018, which was later terminated by Government of Andhra Pradesh (GoAP). As per Greenfield Airports Policy, 2008, further necessary action for execution of the Nellore Airport project including engaging the new airport developer, land acquisition, availability of mandatory Clearances, financing of the project etc. rests with GoAP/APADCL.

An Application for grant of Site Clearance from State Government of Andhra Pradesh for development of Greenfield Airport at Kuppam, District Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh has been received in June, 2025.
