

a) Jaipur	}	
b) Lucknow	}	Delhi Region
c) Indore	}	
d) Nagpur	}	Bombay Region
e) Baroda	}	
f) Calicut	}	
g) Coimbatore	}	Madras Region
h) Hyderabad	}	
i) Patna	}	
j) Bhubaneshwar	}	Calcutta Region
k) Guwahati	}	
l) Imphal	}	North East Region

On May 13, the Civil Aviation Minister announced a Rs. 150 million project to expand the terminal building at Indore. A private company has been given the contract, which is to be completed in two years. At the end of May, the Minister announced a Rs. 540 million project to upgrade the airport at Hyderabad. A new two-level, 15,000 square metre terminal complex, including baggage handling equipment, aerobridges and escalators, a new cargo complex, and improvements to the existing terminal will cost Rs. 230 million. Another Rs. 280 million has been allocated for air traffic control equipment, ground safety equipment and strengthening of the runway. The modification and expansion of terminal buildings and passenger handling facilities at Patna will cost Rs. 580 million. The modernization of the airport at Bhubaneshwar will include construction of a new 6,000 square metre terminal building at a cost of Rs. 135 million, lengthening of the runway from 7,441 feet to 9,000 feet, construction of a link taxiway and a new apron, installation of an ILS, and the upgrading of ground safety facilities. Work on the airport at Guwahati, including extension and modernization of the terminal building, was to start in May. At Imphal, Rs. 500 million has been allocated to modernize the airport, including construction of a large terminal building and improvement to passenger facilities. New terminal buildings are to be built at Lucknow, Baroda and Nagpur. Extension and modernization of terminal buildings is to be done at Jaipur and Calicut.

New International Airports

Of the seven restricted international airports, only Bangalore and Goa have a claim to be considered as full fledged international airports, although the Bangalore airport is owned by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and the one at Goa by the Indian Navy. Answering a question in the Lok Sabha (Parliament) on May 10, 1993, the Civil Aviation Minister gave an assurance that Bangalore would be upgraded to an international airport within 18 months. It does not seem likely that the Government will proceed with its earlier proposal to develop Ahmedabad and Nagpur as international airports to relieve the pressure on Bombay.

The government has earmarked Rs. 100 million to upgrade the HAL airport in Bangalore. The plans, drawn up by the architects, Iyer and Mahesh, call for more floors to be added to the existing buildings, and to relocate all international operations to the upper floor of the terminal. They have also incorporated five 100 square foot cabins for private air taxi operators into their plans. This upgrade is seen as an interim measure, as a new airport may take a decade to build.

The long term plan for Bangalore is to build a new airport to function as the international hub for southern India. A committee headed by Mr. S. Ramanathan (the first Chairman of the IAAI), along with the Karnataka State Government, have identified a 1,500-acre site at Devenahalli, 27 kms from Bangalore. A six-lane national highway and railway shuttle will connect the airport to the city centre. In order to finance this Rs. 5.0 billion project, the