

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the amount spent by the Government on the maintenance of non-operational Airports during the last two years;
- (b) the annual amount being spent on maintenance of each of these Airports; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to make up the losses as a result thereof particularly in view of shortage of funds?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a), (b) & (c) :- The amount spent on maintenance of non-operational airports and Civil Enclaves(CE)during 1998-99 and 1999-2000 was Rs.239.45 lakhs and Rs.284.11 lakhs respectively. The amount spent on maintenance of these airports for the last two years is as under:-

Airport	1998-99	1999-2000 (Rs. in lakhs)
Gorakhpur-CE	6.34	8.27
Jaisalmer-CE	8.76	16.85
Bikaner-CE	22.78	22.86
Chakri-CE	6.29	7.15
Behala	44.11	51.16
Belurghat	2.63	2.84
Coochbehar	52.44	56.7
Malda	7.49	8.3
Donakonda	0.35	0.35
Cuddapah	6.72	8.66
Kailashahar	29.92	44.4
Khowai	2.58	3.03
Kamalpur	1.09	1.28
Rupsi	7.67	0.61

This minimum maintenance is required so that these airports can be made operational at a short notice as they are required for chartered or nonscheduled flights.