

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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AIRPORTS IN MAHARASHTRA .
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some of the airports in Maharashtra are not in operation at present;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to make them operational?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

- (a) & (b) Akola and Sholapur airports belonging to Airports Authority of India (AAI) are not in operation due to lack of traffic potential.
- (c) Akola airport is being developed for ATR type of aircraft operations. Sholapur airport has been transferred on lease basis to the State Government of Maharashtra for a period of 15 years with effect from 01.02.1997 for development and promotion of aviation activities.