

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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SUBSIDY FOR NON ECONOMICAL AIR ROUTES  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether there is any proposal to develop non-economical airports and to provide subsidy to airlines which will operate on non-economic routes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. On the request of airline operators and State Government to develop non-economical airports, the airports at Cooch Behar, Mysore, Surat, Dehradun and Pantnagar are being developed by Airports Authority of India (AAI). The issue of providing incentive to airlines to operate on non-economic routes is under Government's consideration as part of the proposed Civil Aviation Policy.