

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government is developing new airports on a fast track in Gulbarga, Hassan, Shimoga and Bijapur while expanding existing ones at Mangalore, Belgaum and Hubli;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the present status of each project;
- (c) whether the Government in a recent study, has found adequate potential for daily flights to these destinations;
- (d) if so, whether the State Government has also approached private airline operators, including Air Deccan asking them to consider flight services to the proposed airports; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a)&(b): Airports Authority of India(AAI) has proposals to construct a new Terminal Building for 500 passengers at Mangalore airport and expansion of runways at Belgaum & Hubli airports. State Government of Karnataka has also requested for developing new Greenfield airports at Hassan & Gulbarga, Bijapur and Shimoga. There are well laid down procedures for development of greenfield airports and the above proposals have to conform to the prescribed conditions before being considered for final approval.
- (c): Airline Operators are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance with Route Dispersal Guidelines (RDG).
- (d)& (e): State Government of Karnataka has intimated that M/s Air Deccan may operate their flights from Hassan & Gulbarga airports subject to required infrastructure at these airports.