

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government has invited industry captains to chip in unoperational airports to check in their financial resources to run unoperational airports in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is also considering various measures to make Indian airports little less crowded;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government is also taking number of measures to improve situation by reducing circulation time, spacing requirements, adding new equipments and providing a onboard training to controllers and to pilots at control towers; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) No, Sir.

(b) & (c) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has undertaken upgradation / development of several airports in the country. 35 non-metro airports are being taken up for expansion and modernisation. New terminal buildings and modification of existing terminal building; expansion of apron to increase number of aircraft parking stands and expansion of car park area have been taken up to make airports less crowded.

(d) & (e) Upgradation and development of infrastructure facilities at the airports is a continuous process and is undertaken on the basis of operational requirements, demands from airlines and other technical needs. Similarly, training of Air Traffic Controllers and pilots is imparted on need basis.