

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF AIRSTRIPS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are airstrips in many States which are not in use;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for the development and utilisation of such airstrips;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the fund spent/ proposed to be spent by the Government in this regard during the last three years, year-wise, airstrip-wise; and
- (f) the time by which the work is likely to be completed on the said airstrips?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Statewise details of such airstrips are as follows:

Andhra Pradesh-6, Arunachal Pradesh-1, Assam-7, Bihar-22, Gujarat-11, Jammu & Kashmir-8, Jharkhand-3, Chattisgarh-2, Maharashtra-7, Mizoram-1, Rajasthan-18, Orissa-18, West Bengal-16, Madhya Pradesh-11, Punjab-5, Haryana-1, Tamil Nadu-2, Meghalaya-1, Karnataka-5, Manipur-2, Uttar Pradesh-4, Tripura-1, Nagaland-1.

(c) & (d) Due to increasing requirements of passengers and cargo traffic, the Airports Authority of India (AAI) has envisaged various developmental works in coordination with the State Governments at some of the unused airstrips. The non-operational airports belonging to AAI at Akola, Behala, Coochbehar, Cuddapah, Jharsuguda, Kamalpur, Kailasahar, Malada, Mysore, Passighat, Tezu, Warangal, Surat and Gondia are being developed/proposed to be developed.

(e) & (f) Funds spent during the last three years (i.e, 2004-05, 2005-06 & 2006-07) on re-development of non-operational airports are (Rs. in crores) 0, 0.07 and 4.14 at Mysore airport; 0.10, 0.48 and 0.65 at Kailashar airport; 0, 1.36, 1.29 at Kamalpur airport; 0, 0, 1.08 at Akola airport; 0, 0.03 and 26.96 at Gondia airport, 0,0,0.08 at Jharsuguda airport; 0,0 & 1 at Malda airport; 0,0, 0.12 at Behala airport; 0,3.40 and 0.80 at Coochbehar airport; 3.76, 6.82 and 24.04 at Surat airport.