

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Non-operational Airports

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the list of all non-operational/unused/underutilised airport/airstrips in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the time when these airports were constructed and the money spent on developing those airports/airstrips;
- (c) the funds spent on upkeep and maintenance of such airports/airstrips by State and Union Government during the last three years;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to operationalize some of these airports/ airstrips in the future; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

- (a): Out of a total of 476 airports/airstrips in the country, 126 airports are owned and managed by Airports Authority of India. The list of non-operational, unused and under-utilised airports/airstrips of AAI are at Annexure-I and Annexure-II respectively;
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- (b): Since many of these airports were constructed years back and also during the world wars by various entities, exact dates of construction of these airports cannot be ascertained. The money spent on development of these airports/airstrips are at Annexure-III.;
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- (c): The details of funds spend on upkeep of non-operational, unused and under-utilized airports during the last three years are at Annexure-IV.;
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- (d) & (e): The New Civil Aviation Policy, 2016 provides for revival of un-served and under-served airports on demand basis depending on firm commitment from the airlines operators and the State Governments who agree to provide various concessions envisaged in the policy. The Government has approved the proposal for revival of 50 un-served and under-served airports/airstrips of the State Governments, Airports Authority of India, Civil Enclaves and CPSUs in the three financial years from 2017-18 at an estimated cost of Rs. 4500 crores, out of which 15 airports/airstrips would be revived during 2017-18 and 2018-19 each and 20 airports/airstrips would be revived during 2019-20.