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Title: Need to start operation of flights from Jalgaon Airport, Maharashtra to Mumbai, Pune and Delhi.

SHRI HARIBHAU JAWALE (RAVER): Government is focusing on establishing infrastructure facilities for Air Connectivity in the country. For augmenting air connectivity, Airport Authority of India chose existing Jalgaon Airport of Maharashtra for Building an Airport. Maharashtra Airport Development Company handed over existing location of Jalgaon Airport for developing the Airport to the Airport Authority of India in April - 2007. The Government of Maharashtra signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Airports Authority of India to upgrade the existing airfield in July 2009. Hon'ble Smt. Pratibha Devi Singh Patil, the then President of India laid a foundation stone for the development and expansion of the Jalgaon airport in June 2010.

Eventually, Airport Authority of India made financial provision of Rupees 61 Crore for Phase - I and started the work of Airport. In February 2012, work of Phase-1 was completed and Airport was built with all the technical requirements of landing and take off of Planes. On 23rd March 2012 Hon'ble Pratibha Devi Singh Patil, the then President of India inaugurated the Airport. Jet Airways made market survey and met Industry and Business persons for starting the service. This survey gave very positive signals regarding availability of Air Passengers.

But till date, today there is no operation of planes to any city by any Air Service Provider. There is huge demand for starting Air connectivity to Mumbai, Pune and New Delhi from Industrialists and Businessmen from Jalgaon District. Passengers from Buldana, Burhanpur, Dhule, Nandurbar districts will also get benefited from operation of flights from Jalgaon Airport. In this way the expenses made by Government of India for Building Airport is not being utilized.

I request to Government to start operations of flight from Jalgaon Airport to Mumbai, Pune and Delhi.