

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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REVIVAL OF ABANDONED AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have any scheme to revive the abandoned airports;
- (b) if so, the time by which Chaibasa airport is likely to be made operational; and
- (c) the time by which Ranchi-Chaibasa- Kolkata air service is proposed to be resumed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a), (b) and (c) :- The utilisation of airports depend upon traffic demand. Airline Operators are free to start their operations from any airport keeping in view of commercial potential and availability of aircraft. No airline has indicated any plan to start operations from Chaibasa. In anycase, Chaibasa airport belongs to the State Government and therefore, Airports Authority of India has no plans to make this airport operational.