

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF NEW MUMBAI AIRPORT

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to develop an alternate international airport for Mumbai's Sahar-Santa Cruz complex and also to open two new airports at the popular pilgrimage centre of Shirdi and sea side tourist resort of Sindhudurg;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Union Government have also conveyed the State Government to develop Nagpur airport as an international airport and international cargo hub and to upgrade Aurangabad airport to meet the heavy tourist traffic there; and

(d) if so, the details of assistance provided to the State Government in implementing these projects?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) & (b) :- No, Sir. However, the report of the committee constituted by the Government to examine the need for, and location of, an alternative airport at Mumbai is under examination.

(c) :- No, Sir. However, Airports Authority of India (AAI) has upgraded Aurangabad airport for operation of Airbus 320 aircraft. Further, AAI has forwarded a proposal to upgrade the airport for operation of Airbus 300 aircraft, to the Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation (MTDC) for obtaining Overseas Economic Corporation Fund (OECF) assistance from Japan.

(d) :- Does not arise.