

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7159
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CLOSING DOWN OF HINDUSTAN AERONAUTIC AIRPORT
SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have taken decision to close down the Airport of Hindustan Aeronautic Airport at Devanahalli in Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) & (b): The Government has given approval for a new airport at Devanahalli to be developed by the State Government with private sector participation at Bangalore. On its commissioning, the existing HAL airport at Bangalore shall be closed for civilian operations. The techno-economic study shows that the present HAL airport shall not be able to meet this future air traffic demand and two civilian airports in close vicinity can not be viable.