

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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IMPROVEMENT OF RUNWAYS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Airports Authority of India has not been devoting enough attention to the task of improving the runways of various airports;
- (b) if so, whether the runways of a large number of airports are in a dilapidated situation which may cause accidents;
- (c) if so, the total amount spent by the Government to maintain the runways during each of the last three years;
- (d) whether the pilots have also expressed their concern over this subject; and
- (e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

- (a), (b), (c):- Airports Authority of India has spent about Rs. 174.11 crores for the extension, strengthening and improvement of runways at various airports in the last three years.
- (d) & (e):- Some pilots had expressed concern before monsoon on the friction co-efficient value of the main runway at Mumbai. The friction co-efficient was checked and found to be within the permissible limits.