

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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UNUSED AIRPORTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of unused airports in the country at present, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the expenditure incurred on maintenance of these unused airports during each of the last three years;
- (c) the loss suffered by the Government due to non-utilisation of these airports during said period;
- (d) the details of unused airports made operational by the Government during the last two years; and
- (e) the details of the unused airports proposed to be made operational during 2005-06?

Answer

- MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) The number of unused airports in the country at present, State / UT-wise is Maharashtra -3, West Bengal -5, Chhattisgarh-1, Jharkhand-1, Andhra Pradesh -3, Gujarat -1, Karnataka -2, Uttar Pradesh -2, Orissa -1, Bihar -3, Tripura -3, Madhya Pradesh -3, Arunachal Pradesh -1, Assam -2 and Tamil Nadu -1.

(b) The expenditure incurred on maintenance of these unused airports during each of the last 3 years is 2002-03 (Rs.1.31 crores); 2003-04 (Rs.1.29 crores) and 2004-05 (Rs.1.37 crores) respectively.

(c) Since these are non-viable airports, loss is minimised due to non-utilisation of these airports and other economic measures taken by AAI.

(d) The airports at Jabalpur, Hubli and Belgaum and the Civil Enclaves at Gwalior, Allahabad and Gorakhpur were made operational during the last 2 years.

(e) Development works are planned at Cooch Behar airport in West Bengal and Mysore airport in Karnataka during 2006-07 and 2005-06, respectively, to make them operational.