

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1413  
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IMPROVEMENT OF RUNWAYS  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a large number of runways are in a dilapidated conditions;
- (b) if so, the total amount spent by the Government to maintain the runways during each of the last three years;
- (c) whether the pilots have also expressed their concern over it; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

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

- (a) No, Sir. Most of the runways at operational airports are in good condition. Resurfacing, strengthening or upgradation of these runways are undertaken, periodically, depending upon the traffic demand.
- (b) The amount spent by Airports Authority of India (AAI) for maintenance and upgradation of runways and associated pavements at operational airports during the last three years i.e. 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 is Rs.66.76 crores, Rs.95.87 crores and Rs.164.01 crores respectively.
- (c) Neither AAI nor the Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has received any complaint from pilots regarding the dilapidated conditions of runways.
- (d) Does not arise.