

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4258

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RENOVATION OF AIRSTRIPS

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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether it is a fact that about 400 airstrips in the country are lying idle for many years as reported in the NavBharat Times dated April 22, 2006;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has advised the State Governments to renovate the airstrips in their States;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the responses of the State Governments thereto?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) As per the records available with Airports Authority of India (AAI), there are 454 Airports / airstrips in India out of which 170 airports are non-operational. Of these, 34 non-operational airports belong to AAI, 87 to State Governments, 44 to Defence and 5 are private airports.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) & (e) Do not arise.