

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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IDLE AIRPORT ACTIVATION PROGRAMME IN SOUTHERN REGION  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Airports Authority of India (AAI) is embarked on an 'Idle Airport Activation Programme' in the Southern region;
- (b) if so, the details of the airports proposed to be covered under the scheme;
- (c) whether AAI has asked the airlines to show sustainable operations to enable it to maintain its facilities at these airports;
- (d) if so, the concrete action plan to make these airports fully activated and the total amount likely to be spent thereon; and
- (e) the time by which these airports are likely to be made operational?

**Answer**

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

(a),(b)(c),(d) & (e):- It is the endeavour of the government to see that airports which are not functional should be utilised to provide connectivity to these regions also. Airlines are being encouraged to fly to such airports and where interest is shared by airlines, necessary repairs and upgradation is carried out. It is not possible to give a time frame for this.