

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:325  
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AIR SERVICE TO SHIRDI  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to link air connectivity to world famous Sai Baba Shirdi Dham situated at Ahmednagar in Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the progress made in this regard so far alongwith the reason for delay; and
- (d) the time by which the world famous Dham is likely to be connected with Air service?

**Answer**

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

(a), (b), (c) & (d) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has no proposal under consideration to construct an airport at Shirdi. However, State Government of Maharashtra through Maharashtra Airport Development Corporation (MADC) had got the area surveyed and identified 450 hectares of land close to Shirdi for an airport. MADC has also appointed M/s L & T Ramboll as consultant for the preparation of preliminary viability report.