

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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OPERATIONALISATION OF SURAT AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to bring Surat and other non-operational Airports back into operation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, Airport-wise; and
- (c) the time by which such Airports are likely to become fully operational?

Answer

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

(a), (b) & (c) Operationalisation of non-operational airports depends on prospect of regular flight operations at these airports. In the absence of any demand for flight operations, it is not viable to operationalise these airports.

As far as Surat Airport is concerned, work for strengthening, extension and widening of the runway, construction of new apron and taxiway are in progress and are likely to be completed by March, 2005. There is also a proposal to construct a new Terminal Building for handling 150 passengers.