

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2274
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BANGALORE AND HYDERABAD AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether old airports at Bangalore and Hyderabad have become redundant or are underutilized;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the rational of making viable airports put to such underutilization;
- (d) whether Government has worked out the cost and impact analysis of underutilization of these airports;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the manner in which the Government proposes to use these airports to their full capacity?

Answer

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

(a), (b) & (c): Due to heavy increase in traffic, the existing airports at Hyderabad and Bangalore had reached at saturation point and therefore Government had decided to set up Greenfield airports at Hyderabad and Bangalore. Consequent upon the opening of the Greenfield airports at Shamshabad near Hyderabad and Devanahalli near Bangalore for commercial operations on 23.03.2008 and 24.05.2008 respectively, the existing Begumpet airport at Hyderabad and HAL airport at Bangalore were closed for commercial civil aviation operations as under the Concession Agreement signed between the Government of India and the airport developers, closure of the existing airports was one of the obligations of Government of India. The existing HAL airport at Bangalore and the Begumpet airport at Hyderabad are operational and are being utilized for General Aviation, VIP flights, Defence and Training purposes.

(d): No, Madam.

(e): Does not arise.

(f): The infrastructure available at Begumpet airport in Hyderabad is proposed to be utilized for the following purposes:

- (i) Integrated Aviation Academy;
- (ii) MRO facilities;
- (iii) Aviation Expo & Convention centre;
- (iv) General Aviation aircraft;
- (v) As city check in facility for HIAL;
- (vi) Other services and miscellaneous purposes.

The existing infrastructure at the Civil Enclave at Bangalore HAL airport is proposed to be utilized for the following purposes:

- (i) General Aviation aircraft operation;
- (ii) Establishment of Convention Centre;
- (iii) Other services and miscellaneous purposes.