

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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OPERATIONS AT HYDERABAD AND BANGALORE AIRPORTS  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the commercial operations at the Hyderabad and Bangalore airports were suspended;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the dates from which these operations were stopped;
- (c) the reasons therefor and the financial loss suffered by the Government as a result thereof; and
- (d) the time by which these airports are likely to be made fully operational?

**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 saturation point and therefore Government 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 between the Government of India and the airport developers, closure of the existing airports was one of the obligations of Government of India. The revenue loss suffered by AAI during 2008-09 on account of closure of Bangalore and Hyderabad airports were Rs. 124.13 crores and Rs. 169.26 crores respectively.

(d): 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.