

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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OPERATIONAL AIRPORTS

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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total number of operational airports in the country, particularly in Maharashtra;
- (b) whether the National Aviation Company of India Limited operates flights to all the said airports;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) There are 107 operational airports in the country managed by Airports Authority of India (AAI). In the state of Maharashtra, AAI has 9 operational airports namely, Akola, Aurangabad, Gondia, Juhu, Kolhapur (leased to the State Government), Mumbai [leased to Joint Venture Company (JVC)-Mumbai International Airport Limited], Nagpur (managed by JVC-MIPL), Sholapur (leased to the State Government) and Pune (Civil Enclave).

(b), (c) & (d) National Aviation Company of India Limited (NACIL) operates flights only from Aurangabad, Mumbai, Nagpur and Pune airports. It is, however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand, commercial viability and route dispersal guidelines issued by the Government.