

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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OPERATION OF AIR SERVICES FROM SMALL AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to start operation of air services from small airports in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the amount of funds spent on this work, airport-wise; and
- (d) the current status of starting air services from Kushinagar airport?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): At present air services are available to/from 81 airports in the country, which also includes small airports. During the last three years the air services have been started from Dehradun, Nanded, Latur, Nasik, Sholapur, Salem & Pathankot airports.
- (c): The following amount have been spent on development of these airports in last three years(Rs. in crores): Dehradun - Rs.53.45, Sholapur - Rs. 0.09, Salem - Rs. 0.55 and Pathankot - Rs. 4.70.
- (d) At present there is no airport at Kushinagar.