

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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AIRPORTS IN BANGALORE AND HYDERABAD
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to operationalize the old airports in Bangalore and Hyderabad since closing of these airports indirectly promotes business interest of private airport operators;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether these airports are still handling VIP and Charter flights apart from helicopters; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): The decisions to close civil commercial operations at HAL, Bengaluru and Begumpet, Hyderabad from the date of commissioning of the greenfield airports were taken in the year 2000. There is no proposal under consideration to operationalize the old airports at HAL, Bengaluru and Begumpet, Hyderabad.
- (c) & (d): Yes, Madam. General aviation services (other than those relating to commercial aircraft, charter flights, aircraft hired or operated under commercial arrangements) continue to be provided at the existing airports.