

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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CONSTRUCTION OF AIRSTRIPS AERODROMS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of airstrips/aerodromes proposed to be constructed during the next three years in the country;
- (b) the number amongst those proposed for Karnataka;
- (c) whether there is a proposal for construction of aerodrome in Mandya in Karnataka; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS & MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) & (b): Keeping in view the enormous growth in air passengers, which had put pressure on airport infrastructure, Government had announced a policy for greenfield airports in April,2008 in order to encourage infusion of greater investment into the airport sector.

So far, the Government has given `in-principle` approval for setting up of new Greenfield airports for public use at Navi Mumbai and Sindhudurg in Maharashtra; Mopa in Goa; Bijapur, Shimoga, Hassan and Gulbarga in Karnataka; Kannur in Kerala; Kushinagar in Uttar Pradesh; Pakyong in Sikkim; Durgapur in West Bengal; Paladi/Jaipur in Rajasthan and Datia/Gwalior (Cargo) in Madhya Pradesh. The timeline for construction of airport projects depends upon many factors such as land acquisition, availability of mandatory clearances, financial closure, etc.

(c) & (d) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.