

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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IDLE AIRPORTS ACTIVATION PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government/Airports Authority of India has started an Idle Airports Activation Programme in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the details of airports covered under the programme and activated so far;
- (c) the present status of ongoing projects and the reasons for delay, if any, in each case; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken to expedite the work and the time by which the work is likely to be completed, Airportwise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : Yes, Madam. M/s RITES Ltd. was appointed to carry out the feasibility study for 33 idle (Non-operational) small airports of Airports Authority of India (AAI) for development/operationalization. 13 of these small airports of AAI were recommended for development/ operationalization. The names of the airports are: Akola, Solapur (Maharashtra), Vellore (Tamil Nadu), Mysore (Karnataka), Warangal, Cuddupah (Andhra Pradesh), Chakulia (Jharkhand), Malda (West Bengal), Jharsuguda (Orissa), Tezu, Passighat (Arunchal Pradesh), Rupsi (Assam) and Kamalpur(Tripura).

(c) & (d): Mysore Airport has already been operationalized for ATR-72 type of aircrafts in May, 2010. Work for operationalization of Cuddapah Airport for ATR-72 and Tezu Airport is scheduled for completion by September, 2011 and December, 2012 respectively.

For development of Pasighat Airport, AAI has already granted working permission to Ministry of Defence by Indian Air Force.

AAI has already projected additional land requirement as per master plan for development of Warangal, Malda, Jharsuguda, Kamalpur and Vellore Airports, to the respective State Governments.