

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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NON-OPERATIONAL AIRPORTS IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of non-operational airports in Orissa at present;
- (b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to make these airports operational within a time-bound period?

Answer

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

- (a) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has only one non-operational airport in Orissa at Jharsuguda.
- (b) In accordance with the recommendations of Feasibility Study submitted by M/s. RITES, Airports Authority of India (AAI) has plans to develop Jharsuguda airport initially for ATR type of aircraft operations. However, action for further development of this airport will be considered after additional land measuring 815 acres is made available as per the Master Plan by the State Government of Orissa to AAI, free of cost & free from all encumbrances.