

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government has started proposes to start air services from small airports in the country;
- (b) the names of small airports from which air services have been started during each of the last three years and the current year and the sectors in which these services have been started;
- (c) the airport-wise expenses incurred thereon;
- (d) whether the Government has conducted any survey in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a):- At present, scheduled air services are available to/from 82 airports which includes places of religious importance and tourist destinations (Annexure-IV). Operations in domestic sector have been deregulated and flights are being operated by concerned airlines on the basis of commercial viability subject to adherence of Route Dispersal Guidelines. Government has laid down Route Dispersal Guidelines with a view to achieving better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country including North-East region. It is, however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability while complying with Route Dispersal Guidelines (RDG)

(b):- The names of new airports from where air services started since 2008.

2008- Latur, Nanded and Nasik.

2009- Ludhiana, Salem and Tezpur.

2010- Mysore

2011- Agra, Panthuar and Kolapur.

(c):- Details of works completed and in progress in respect of 35 non-metro airports and 26 other airports, where modernization/development works have been undertaken are given in Annexure I and II, Allocation made for Aerodrome works in 2011-12 is Rs. 2118.15 crores and expenditure upto October 2011 was Rs. 778.45 crores. Airport wise details are given in the Annexure-III.

(d)and(e):- Modernisation / upgradation / setting up of airports is a continuous process depending upon the traffic potential, demands from airline operators, commercial viability, availability of land and related infrastructure, etc.