

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4489

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UNUSED AIR-STRIPS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to build low-cost airports in the country;
- (b) if so, the details with locations thereof;
- (c) whether there is a proposal to put to use unused air-strips in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, inter-alia indicating the location of such unused airstrips in the country alongwith the total amount of money locked up in these air-strips; and
- (e) the status of re-developing closed airports in Odisha region?

Answer

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

- (a): No, Madam.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c): Yes, Madam.
- (d): As per the Study conducted by RITES, 13 out of 33 non-operational airports in the country belonging to Airports Authority of India (AAI) can be made operational. Details of these 13 airports and their present status are given in the Annexure. It is not possible to estimate the total amount of money locked up in these airports.
- (e): The development of the airport at Jharsuguda in Odisha is subject to provision of additional land by the State Government of Odisha.