

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:109  
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AIR CONNECTIVITY TO SHIRDI IN MAHARASHTRA  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to connect pilgrim centre Shirdi in Maharashtra by air;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has received any request from public representatives in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) the time by which Shirdi is likely to be provided with air connectivity?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b):- Maharashtra and MADC have in the past been in discussion regarding setting up an airport in Shirdi. The Government has received a formal proposals from MADC for site inspection for the proposed greenfield airport at Shirdi.

(c) and (d) :- The proposal is at preliminarily stage. However, the nearest airport from Shirdi is Nasik at a distance of 84 Km. which is air linked by scheduled air services to/from Mumbai.