

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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AIR BASES IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the defence airports/airfields situated in the State of Bihar;
- (b) whether several such airports/airfields including those set up during the Second World War have been abandoned or are not being regularly used/maintained resulting into continuous encroachments thereon;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has any plans for revival/regular use of these airports/airfields; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): There are three operational defence airfields in the state of Bihar i.e. in Purnea, Bihta and Darbhanga.

There are two abandoned airfields at Panchanpur and Hathwa in Bihar. There are encroachments in an area of 15.97 acres and 338.66 acres at these airfields respectively.

Action for eviction of encroachments in airfields is taken as per the provisions of Public Premises Eviction Act.

(d) & (e): Plans for utilization of airfields are based upon the operational requirements of the services. Such plans are reviewed from time to time taking into account the security, strategic and operational requirements.