

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:366
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VIABILITY OF UNUSED AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of airports opened during the last three years;
- (b) whether the operational and commercial viability of the existing unused airports in the country has been examined in the recent past;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to give priority to operationalisation of the unused airports before granting permission for new airports; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in reply to part (a) to (e) of the Lok Sabha () Starred Question No.366 for 02.05.2012 regarding viability of unused airports.

(a) No, Madam. No new airports were commissioned during the last three years.

(b) Yes, Madam.

(c) Feasibility study for operationalisation of 33 non operational/ unused airports of AAI was got conducted by AAI in 2008. Out of these 13 airports were recommended for development/ operationalisation on the basis of traffic potential/Emerging Industrial potential/ Socio Economic consideration. These 13 airports are at Mysore(Karnataka), Akola (Maharashtra), Tezu (Arunachal Pradesh), Cuddapah (Andhra Pradesh), Passighat (Arunachal Pradesh), Rupsi (Assam), Sholapur (Maharashtra), Kamalpur (Tripura), Chakulia (Jharkhand), Jharsuguda (Orissa), Malda (West Bengal), Vellore (Tamilnadu) and Warangal (Andhra Pradesh).

(d) & (e): There is no such provision in the Greenfield Airports Policy of 2008.