

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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AAI S AIRPORTS IN MADHYA PRADESH  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of airports of Airport Authority of India (AAI) in Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) the number of airports out of above proposed to be made at par with international level and the action taken in this regard so far;
- (c) the names of airports expanded and upgraded to international level and the time by which international flights from the said airports are likely to be started;
- (d) the present status of Satna and Khandwa air strips in the State;
- (e) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh has sought the transfer of these air strips to the Madhya Pradesh administration to make it operational; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION ( SHRI AJIT SINGH )

(a): There are eight airports including one civil enclave in Madhya Pradesh. Of these, airports at Bhopal, Indore, Khajuraho, Jabalpur and Gwalior (Civil Enclave) are operational, while Khandwa, Panna and Satna airstrips are non-operational.

(b)&(c): Three airports, namely, Bhopal, Indore and Khajuraho are being upgraded to international standards. The work at Bhopal and Indore airports have already been completed and new facilities commissioned.

As for the commencement of international flights is concerned, it is upto the airline operators to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability.

(d): Satna and Khandwa airstrips are non-operational.

(e)&(f): Yes, Madam. Satna and Khandwa airstrips are to be transferred to the State Government after completion of the required formalities.