

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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UPGRADATION AND MODERNIZATION OF AIRPORTS

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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Airports Authority of India (AAI) plans to reactivate, upgrade and modernise atleast 225 airports by 2020;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the locations identified for the purpose, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a),(b)&(c): Airports Authority of India (AAI) owns and manages 125 airports in the country including 26 civil enclaves at defence airports. AAI has taken up upgradation/modernisation of 58 non-metro airports and 2 metro airports at Kolkata & Chennai. Details of these 58 airports are given at Annexure 1.

As regards operationalization of small non-operational airports, AAI has got a Study conducted by M/s. RITES to determine the feasibility of development and operationalization of 33 small non-operational airports of AAI. The Study indicated that of the 33 airports, only 13 were feasible for development. These are Sholapur, Akola, Vellore, Mysore, Warangal, Cuddapah, Chakulia, Malda, Jharsuguda, Tezu, Passighat, Rupsi and Kamalpur. Of these, Mysore airport in Karnataka has already been developed and made operational in May, 2010 for ATR-72 type of aircraft operations. Jalgaon airport in Maharashtra has also been operationalized for ATR operations.