

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1343

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CONSTRUCTION OF NEW RUNWAYS AT MAJOR AIRPORTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to develop around 300 air-strips, lying idle in the country to decongest major airports and to lay new runways at major airports;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, inter-alia indicating those which are proposed to be developed in Karnataka;
- (c) whether the Government has permitted development of private air-strips in the country to help smoother air operations; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) & (d) Keeping in view the enormous growth in air passengers which has put pressure on air infrastructure, Government had pronounced a policy for greenfield airports in April,2008 which also envisaged the matter relating to setting up of private airstrips in the country. In addition the State Governments are also being encouraged to develop the unused airstrips which belong to them.