

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOSS MAKING AIRPORTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the losses suffered by various airports in the country during each of the last three years and the current year along with the reasons therefor, airport-wise including Akola Airport;and

(b) the details of the remedial measures taken to make these airports viable and profitable, airport-wise?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI K. C. VENUGOPAL)

(a) : Details of losses suffered by various airports of Airports Authority of India (AAI) during the last three years are given in the Annexure-I. Details relating to the current year (2012-13) will be available only after the close of the financial year. The main reason for such losses suffered by these airports is insufficient air traffic to these airports.

(b) : The viability / profitability of airports is dependent on traffic. Flight operations in domestic sector have been deregulated and flights are being operated by airlines on the basis of traffic demand, commercial viability and Route Dispersal Guidelines. Levy of UDF as Viability Gap Funding to bridge the losses due to poor traffic especially at those airports where AAI has developed new Terminal Buildings, augmenting non-traffic commercial revenues inside the Terminal Buildings, giving incentives to airlines for operating flights to under utilised airports etc. are among the measures, to make the airports viable and profitable.