

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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COMMERCIAL VIABILITY OF AIRPORTS  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the criteria adopted to assess the commercial viability of airports;and
- (b) the number and details of airports operationalised during the last three years and the current year?

**Answer**

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

(a) : The generally accepted criteria to assess commercial viability of any project / airport is the Internal Rate of Return (IRR). However, development of airports is also taken up to provide air connectivity to remote and far flung areas due to socio-economic and strategic considerations.

(b) : Two airports, viz., Mysore (in 2010) and Jalgaon (in 2012) were operationalised during the last three years and the current year.