

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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REVIVAL OF AIRPORTS AIRSTRIPS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of unused private/public airstrips/airports in the country, location-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to revive these airports/airstrips;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the progress made on the said projects along with the time by which these are likely to become operational, location-wise including airports in Bihar and Gujarat;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor, and;
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?;

Answer

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

- (a) : Details of unused private/public airstrips/airports in the country are being collected.
- (b) to (e) : No, Madam. However, several state governments are requesting for developing some of these unused airports. Work on Tezu in Arunachal Pradesh and Kadapa in Andhra Pradesh has already been commenced. Cooch Behar in West Bengal has already been developed. But due to pending land acquisitions and technical infeasibility more airports cannot be developed at this stage. As the land acquisition depend on the action of the state government, no time frame can be drawn.