

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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EXPANSION OF AIR SERVICES

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

- (a) the names of airports in the country for whose construction, public representatives have requested during each of the last three years till date along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard proposal-wise;
- (b) whether there is imbalance in air connectivity to various States of the country;
- (c) if so, the complaints received, if any, in this regard along with the corrective steps taken by the Government to balance civil aviation services in various States;
- (d) whether there is also a proposal to connect all airports by air in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the plan for developing new airports including Jalgaon airport?

**Answer**

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

(a) ; Details of airports for which requests have been received from various State Governments/ public representatives for development and up-gradation, which are under various stages of consideration are given in Annexure-I. (b), (c) & (d) : Operations in domestic sector have been deregulated and flights are being operated by concerned airlines on the basis of commercial viability subject to adherence of Route Dispersal Guidelines. Government has laid down Route Dispersal Guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country including North-East Regions. It is, however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability while complying with Dispersal Guidelines.

Government of India has accorded `in principle approval for development of the following 15 new Greenfield airports in the country. Details are given under:-

Mopa Airport in Goa

Navi Mumbai International airport and Sindhudurg Airport in Maharashtra.

Gulbarga, Bijapur, Hassan and Shimoga Airport in Karnataka

Kannur International Airport and Aranmula International Airport in Kerala

Kushinagar International Airport in Uttar Pradesh

Dabra Airport, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh

Pakyong airport in Sikkim (Developed by AAI)

Durgapur International Airport in West Bengal

Karaikal International Airport in Puducherry

Shirdi International Airport, Ahmednagar District in Maharashtra.

(e) : Jalgaon Airport in Maharashtra was developed by Airports Authority of India (AAI) for ATR type of Aircraft operations. However, at present, no flight operations take place from/to this airport.