

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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KOHLAPUR AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Kolhapur Airport is not operational for a long time;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefore; and
- (c) the time by which the Airport is likely to be made operational?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : Kolhapur Airport is an operational airport suitable for operation of ATR-42 type of aircraft. However, presently, no schedule airline is operating from the airport.

(c) : Operations in domestic sector have been deregulated and flights are being operated by concerned airlines on the basis of commercial viability subject to adherence to Route Dispersal Guidelines. Government has laid down Route Dispersal Guidelines with a view to achieve better regulations of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country. 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 the Route Dispersal Guidelines.