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Non-Operational Airports

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of operational and non-operational airports in the country including those under the Airports Authority of India (AAI), State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government/AAI has spent a huge amount on the maintenance of non-operational airports;
- (c) if so, the details thereof for the last three years and the current year, State/UT and airport-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government/AAI to revive non-operational airports in the country?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(a) : As per information available, there are a total number of 476 airports in the country. This includes operational and non-operational airports, airstrips etc. owned by the Airports Authority of India, Defence, State Governments, private parties etc. State/UT-wise list of total airports is at Annexure-I.

(b) & (c) : The details of amount spent by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) on maintenance of its non-operational airports are at Annexure-II.

(d) : Development / upgradation of airports is a continuous process and is undertaken by AAI from time to time depending on the availability of land, commercial viability, socio-economic considerations, traffic demand / willingness of airlines to operate to/from such airports etc.
