

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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LOW COST SMALL AIRPORTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to develop low-cost small airports in various cities across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the locations identified for construction of these airports, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra;
- (c) the present status of these airport projects, State/UT-wise along with the expenditure incurred thereon and the time-frame for their completion;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to operationalise certain non-functional small airports in various States of the country for operation of small aircraft by private operators and if so, the details and the present status thereof; and
- (e) the details of the non-operational airports under the Airports Authority of India (AAI) along with the reasons therefor and the financial performance of AAI during the last three years and the current year?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Dr Mahesh Sharma)

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. Airports Authority of India (AAI) has undertaken construction of small airports at five locations during 2014-2015. These five locations are: Hubli and Belgaum in Karnataka, Kishangarh in Rajasthan, Jharsuguda in Odisha and Tezu in Arunachal Pradesh. Details of these projects along with the status are at Annexure-I.

(d): In the recent past, AAI has undertaken upgradation and development of its certain non-functional airports to cater to traffic requirement and so far it has completed the work at 49 airports.

(e): Details of non-operational airports under AAI are at Annexure-II. Financial performance of AAI in last three years including current year is given at Annexure-