

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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AIR SERVICES TO NEW AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to start air services to and from certain new airports set up in Jalgaon, Akola and Gondia districts of Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the expenditure incurred on setting up of these airports and the types of aircraft which can be operated from the said airports;
- (c) whether there is any delay in starting air services to and from these airports and if so, the reasons therefor and the time by which these air services are likely to be started; and
- (d) whether the Union Government has also received requests from any State Government to start air services to and from these airports and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken thereon?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri G. M. Siddeshwara)

(a) to (c):- At present there is no scheduled domestic flight operating to/from Jalgaon, Akola & Gondia airport.

Domestic air services have been decontrolled & deregulated. 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. It is, however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. As such the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of route dispersal guidelines issued by the Government.

The details of expenditure incurred in setting up these airports is given below:

Akola	13.10 crores
Gondia	207.57 crores
Jalgaon	54.66 crores

Further, Jalgaon and Akola Airports are suitable for operation of ATR type of aircraft and Gondia airport is suitable for operation of A-320 type of aircraft.

(d):- Government has not received any request from State Government to start Scheduled air services to and from these airports.