

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 753
(To be answered on the 7th February 2019)**

AIRPORT IN GUJARAT

753. SHRIMATI JAYSHREEBEN PATEL

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Ministry of Civil Aviation has signed any agreement or formulated any scheme with Airports Authority of India;
- (b) the number of small and big airports constructed in Gujarat under this scheme; and
- (c) whether the Government proposes to develop small airports?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) to (c): Ministry of Civil Aviation has approved the proposal of Airports Authority of India (AAI) to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the willing States for development of small airstrips/helipads that are available with the States into small airports for future connectivity and development of new Greenfield Airport alternate airports in the States to absorb the spill-over traffic due to saturation of the existing airport. On 07.01.2019, AAI has entered into a MoU with Government of Gujarat for monetization of existing Rajkot Airport, Gujarat for development of new Greenfield Airport at Hirasar, Dist. Rajkot, Gujarat.
