

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 888
(To be answered on the 7th February 2019)**

DEVELOPMENT OF AIR STRIPS

888. ADV. JOICE GEORGE

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a): whether the Government is considering new proposals for developing air strips across the country;
(b): if so the details thereof;
(c): whether the State of Kerala has approached the Government in this regard;
(d): if so the details thereof along with locations specified;
(e): whether the Government has any plan to utilize the pilgrimage tourism potential of Kerala in this way; and
(f): if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION
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(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) and (b): Ministry of Civil Aviation in the National Civil Aviation Policy, 2016, has made provision for promotion of regional Connectivity by way of revival of un-served and under-served airports/airstrips. The Government has approved the proposal for revival of 50 unserved/under-served airports/airstrips of the State Governments, Airports Authority of India, Civil Enclaves & CPSUs at an estimated cost of Rs.4500 crores. However, the revival of airstrips/airports is demand driven, depending upon the firm commitment from airline operators as well as from the State Government for providing various concessions as airports will be developed without insisting on its financial viability.

(c): No Madam.

(d): Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e): No Madam.

(f): Does not arise in view of (e) above.