

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**QUESTION NO 02.03.2010**  
**ANSWERED ON**  
**DEVELOPMENT OF AIRPORTS IN REMOTE AREAS .**

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SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA

Will the Minister of COAL HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :-

(a) whether Government plans to assist the State Governments to develop more airports in different districts, particularly in remote areas; and

(b) if not, how does Government plan to cover such areas under the aviation umbrella?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

( SHRI PRAFUL PATEL )

A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in reply to parts (a) & (b) of the Rajya Sabha Starred ( ) Question No.77 for 02.03.2010 regarding Development of Airports in remote areas.

(a) Keeping in view the enormous growth in air passengers, which has put pressure on airport infrastructure, Government had pronounced a policy for greenfield airports in April, 2008 to encourage infusion of greater investment in airport sector. The policy aims to facilitate strengthening and augmenting of airports infrastructure in the country wherein the scope of facilitation to be provided by the State Government to the Airport Company has also been specified.

So far, Government of India has accorded `in-principle` approval for setting up of new Greenfield airports for public use at Navi Mumbai and Sindhudurg in Maharashtra; Mopa in Goa; Bijapur, Simoga, Hassan and Gulbarga in Karnataka; Kannur in Kerala; Pakyong in Sikkim; Durgapur in West Bengal; Paladi/Jaipur in Rajasthan and Datia/Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh.

(b) Does not arise.