

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 2261
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6th December 2016)

DEVELOPMENT OF AIRPORTS IN FAR FLUNG AREAS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether there is a proposal to set up 200 airports during this financial year to promote air travel in far-flung areas of the country including Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the funds allocated by Government under this head;
- (c) the number of cities from Maharashtra proposed to be selected under this scheme; and
- (d) whether Government proposes to connect world famous tourist place, Shirdi with air services?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

- (a): No Sir.
- (b) & (c): Do not arise in view of (a) above.
- (d): Government of India granted 'in principle' approval to Maharashtra Airport Development Company Ltd. (MADC), a State Government of Maharashtra entity for setting up of a Greenfield airport at Shirdi in May, 2011. MADC has completed major construction works relating to the airport project and has decided to commence commercial flight operations before Centenary year of Shri Sai Baba i.e. year 2018.
