

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
Rajya Sabha**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1610
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4th August 2025**

**SHUTTING DOWN/REPURPOSING UNDERPERFORMING
AIRPORTS**

1610. SMT JEBI MATHER HISHAM

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

- (a) the number of airports that have been operating at a loss, airport-wise details, including the total financial losses since their commissioning;**
- (b) the names, locations, and investment details of airports that have remained entirely inoperative with zero passenger traffic since their establishment;**
- (c) whether there are any plans to shut down or repurpose airports with zero or negligible flight operations, if so, details of such proposals airport-wise; and**
- (d) whether there is any proposal for viability gap funding or financial assistance for underperforming airports, if so, the details airport-wise?**

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) & (b): For the Financial Year 2024-25, a total of 81 airports owned and operated by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) have incurred financial loss. The airport-wise details, along with the cumulative losses suffered by these airports during the last ten years (FY 2015-16 to FY 2024-25), are at Annexure - I. The list of AAI airports that are presently non-operational is at Annexure-II.

(c) & (d): Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) launched Regional Connectivity Scheme - Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (RCS-UDAN) on 21.10.2016 to enhance regional air connectivity from unserved and underserved airports in the country. The scheme provides Viability Gap Funding (VGF) to airlines to bridge the gap between operational costs and expected revenues. The budget allocated for the RCS-UDAN for the financial year 2025-26 is Rs.300 crore. This scheme also provides financial incentives and concessions to the airlines from the Central and State Governments,

Union Territories, and airport operators to lower operational costs and thus promote operations from unserved and underserved airports in the country.

RCS-UDAN is an ongoing scheme wherein bidding rounds are conducted from time to time for covering more destinations and routes under the scheme. Revival / up-gradation of unserved and underserved airports is undertaken upon its identification through valid bid and award to the Selected Airline Operator (SAO).

Since the commencement of the scheme, 92 unserved and underserved airports, including 15 heliports and 2 water aerodromes, have been operationalised across the country.

ANNEXURE -**I**

**Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question
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List of Airports of AAI that have incurred financial loss in FY 2024-25**(Rs. In crores)**

SL No	Name of Airport	Cumulative Losses for the Period 2015-16 to FY 2024-25
1	ADAMPUR	-22.29
2	AGARTALA	-605.23
3	AGATTI	-105.93
4	AGRA	-93.25
5	AKOLA	-20.80
6	AURANGABAD	-447.83
7	BAREILLY	-6.30
8	BELGAUM (BELAGAVI)	-212.24
9	BHATINDA	-35.04
10	BHAVNAGAR	-122.08
11	BHOPAL	-480.43
12	BHUJ	-57.46
13	BIKANER	-73.49
14	COOCH BEHAR	-46.56
15	CUDDAPAH	-103.39
16	DEESA	-0.39
17	DEHRADUN	-488.07
18	DELHI (SAFDARJUNG)	-673.91
19	DIBRUGARH	-264.59
20	DIMAPUR	-250.17
21	DIU	-47.99
22	DONAKONDA	-1.84
23	GAYA	-235.89
24	GONDIA	-176.51
25	GWALIOR	-137.28
26	HINDON	-26.75
27	HUBLI (HUBBALLI)	-226.45
28	HYDERABAD	-564.97
29	IMPHAL	-355.19
30	JABALPUR	-260.39
31	JAISALMER	-16.73
32	JALGAON	-39.64

33	JOGBANI	-2.76
34	JORHAT	-58.21
35	KAILASHAHAR	-0.95
36	KALABURGI	-48.54
37	KANDLA	-47.17
38	KANGRA(GAGGAL)	-112.74
39	KANPUR	-90.13
40	KASIA KHUSHINAGAR	-35.87
41	KESHOD	-41.95
42	KHAJURAHO	-355.53
43	KHOWAI	-0.41
44	KISHANGARH (AJMER)	-183.97
45	KOLHAPUR	-64.95
46	KOTA	-26.76
47	KULU(BHUNTAR)	-123.40
48	LILABARI	-139.43
49	LUDHIANA	-61.12
50	MADURAI	-257.12
51	MEERUT	-1.72
52	MORADABAD	-5.00
53	MUZAFFARPUR	-1.77
54	MYSORE	-73.03
55	PANT NAGAR	-93.49
56	PATHANKOT	-26.62
57	PEKYONG	-164.69
58	PONDICHERRY	-74.84
59	PORBANDAR	-78.29
60	PORT BLAIR	-110.11
61	RAJAHMUNDRY	-339.16
62	RAJKOT	-418.67
63	RAXUAL	-2.53
64	RUPSI	-29.19
65	SALEM	-58.48
66	SATNA	-1.37
67	SHILLONG (BARAPANI)	-126.93
68	SHIMLA	-85.11
69	SILCHAR	-120.83
70	SOLAPUR	-28.47
71	TEZPUR	-51.19
72	TEZU	-56.64
73	THANJAVAUR	-0.42
74	TIRUCHIRAPALLI	-39.24
75	TIRUPATI	-363.71
76	TUTICORIN	-109.02
77	VELLORE	-9.29

78	VIJAYAWADA	-483.69
79	WARANGAL	-5.76
80	DONYI POLO (ITANAGAR)/HOLONGI (*)	-38.37
81	REWA, MADHYA PRADESH	-5.18

**Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred
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List of AAI Airports that are presently non-operational

S. No.	Airport
1	Donakonda
2	Daparizo
3	Jogbani
4	Muzaffarpur
5	Raxaul
6	Deesa
7	Chakulia
8	Dhalbhumgarh
9	Khandwa
10	Panna
11	Shella
12	Aizawl (Tural)
13	Thanjavur (CE)
14	Vellore
15	Nadirgul
16	Warangal
17	Kailashahar
18	Kamalpur
19	Khowai
20	Asansol
21	Balurghat
22	Malda