

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1817**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2016

**USE OF HIGHWAYS AS LANDING STRIPS**

1817. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL:  
SHRI SUMAN BALKA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE j{k k ea=h  
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Air Force (IAF) has identified certain highway stretches across the country to use for aircraft operation as landing strips during operational contingencies and natural disasters, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government also plans to develop small airstrips along the National Highways stretches to improve connectivity; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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(DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)

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- (a) **The Indian Air Force (IAF) has taken a step forward to use highway stretches as ;landing strips; in an emergency. A generic plan for utilisation of National Highways as landing strips during eventualities by IAF has been sent to Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.**
- (b) **No, Madam.**
- (c) **Does not arise.**

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