

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1274
(To be answered on the 9th February 2017)**

DEVELOPMENT OF AIRPORTS AT STRATEGIC LOCATIONS

1274. SHRI MANSHANKAR NINAMA

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps for the development of strategically important airports in remote and border areas;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government proposes to set up these airport in coordination with the Ministry of Defence; and
(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) & (b): The Regional Connectivity Scheme under the National Civil Aviation Policy, 2016 envisages development of strategically important but financially unviable airports with the support of State Governments in the form of Viability Gap Funding (VGF) and also to provide air connectivity to remote areas of the country. The Airports Authority of India (AAI) has commenced construction of Pakyong Airport in Sikkim and Tezu Airport in Arunachal Pradesh. AAI has also undertaken development of existing airports/civil enclaves at Leh,, Srinagar, Jammu, Amritsar, Gorakhpur, Bagdogra and Agartala.

(c) & (d): Joint-user airfields / Civil Enclaves in the existing Defence airfields are developed in co-ordination with the Ministry of Defence. AAI has also worked out plan for establishment of Civil Enclaves at Defence airfields at Along, Passighat and Ziro in Arunachal Pradesh.
