

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. : 242
(To be answered on the 4th January 2018)

UNUSED AIRSTRIPS AND AIRPORTS

*242. SHRI P.C. MOHAN

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether a large number of airstrips and airports in the country are still lying unused;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to make these airstrips and airports operational;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard till date; and
- (e) the names of airlines which have shown interest in starting services from/to these airstrips/airports?

ANSWER

Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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(Shri Ashok Gajapathi Raju Pusapati)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in reply to parts (a) to (e) of the Starred (*) Question No. 242 for answer on 04.01.2018 regarding 'Unused Airstrips and Airports'.

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Out of a total of 476 airports/airstrips in the country owned by Defence establishments, Airports Authority of India (AAI), State Governments, Private companies etc., only 129 airports are owned and managed by AAI. The State/UT wise list of unused airports/airstrips of AAI is at Annexure-I.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. The National Civil Aviation Policy, 2016 provides for revival of un-served and under-served airports on demand basis depending on firm commitment from the airlines operators and the State Governments who agree to provide various concessions envisaged in the policy. The Government has granted a budgetary support of Rs.4500/- crore for revival of 50 un-served and under-served airports/airstrips of the AAI, Civil Enclaves, State Governments and other Central Public Sector Undertakings. Out of these 16 airports have already been revived under the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS).

(e) : In the first round of RCS bidding, five airlines viz., Airline Allied Services, Spicejet Ltd., Turbo Megha Airways Pvt. Ltd., Deccan Charters Pvt. Ltd., and Air Odis' a Aviation Pvt. Ltd. have shown interest to start services from these airstrips/ airports.

ANNEXURE-I**NON-OPERATIONAL/UNUSED AIRPORTS OF AAI**

S.No.	Name of the State / UT	Name of Airport
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	1. Daparizo
		2. Passighat
		3. Tezu
2.	Andhra Pradesh	4. Donakonda
3.	Assam	5. Rupsi
		6. Shella
4	Bihar	7. Jogbani
		8. Raxaul
		9. Muzaffarpur
5.	Chhattisgarh	10. Bilaspur
6.	Gujarat	11. Deesa (Palanpur)
7.	Jharkhand	12. Chakulia
		13. Deoghar
8.	Madhya Pradesh	14. Khandwa
		15. Panna
		16. Satna
9.	Mizoram	17. Aizawl (Turial)
10.	Odisha	18. Jharsuguda
11.	Tamilnadu	19. Vellore
		20. Tanjavour (CE)
12.	Telangana	21. Nadirgul
		22. Warangal
13.	Tripura	23. Kailashar
		24. Kamalpur
		25. Khowai
14.	Uttar Pradesh	26. Lalitpur
		27. Bareilly (CE)
15.	West Bengal	28. Asansol
		29. Balurghat
		30. Malda

