

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 364
(To be answered on the 19th July 2018)**

OPERATIONAL AIRSTRIPS

364. **SHRI R. DHRUVA NARAYANA**

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether all airstrips/ runways in the country are operational and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of locations where airstrips are being constructed, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether flights are operational from all the airports in the country;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the places in the country from which new air services have been started during the last six months?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION
नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a): Airports Authority of India (AAI) own 129 airports/civil enclaves in the country. Out of these, 101 airports/civil enclaves are operational.

(b): The Government of India has granted 'in-principle' approval for setting up of 20 Greenfield Airports across the country namely Mopa in Goa, Navi Mumbai, Shirdi and Sindhudurg in Maharashtra, Bijapur, Gulbarga, Hasan and Shimoga in Karnataka, Kannur in Kerala, Durgapur in West Bengal, Dabra in Madhya Pradesh, Pakyong in Sikkim Karaikal in Puducherry, Kushinagar and Jewar in Uttar Pradesh, Dagadarthi Mendal, Nellore Distt., Bhogapuram in Vizianagaram District near Visakhapatnam and Oravakallu in Kurnool District, Andhra Pradesh and Sirasar and, Dholera in Gujarat. Projects where site clearance have been granted namely Itanagar in Arunachal Pradesh, Jamshedpur in Jharkhand, Singrauli in Madhya Pradesh, Mochiwara (Ludhiana) in Punjab, Kotkasim (Alwar) in Rajasthan and Kothagudem, District Khammam in Telangana.

(c) & (d): No, Madam. Airlines plan their flight schedule on a specific route/cities based on market demand, commercial feasibility and their company policy. Out of 101 AAI owned and managed operational airports/civil enclaves, scheduled /RCS flights are operating at 86 airports/civil enclaves. In addition to this, scheduled flights are operating at 11 other JVC/Private/Defence/State Govt. airports.

(e): In the last six months, new air services have been started from 08 airports in the country namely Passighat, Jagdalpur, Mundra, Adampur, Pathankot, Kohlapur, Salem & Kanpur.