

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 617
(To be answered on the 13th December 2018)**

NON-OPERATION OF FLIGHTS IN OPERATIONAL AIRPORTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) the number of airports operating without any flight at present in the country;
- (b) the loss of revenue to the Government due to non-operation of flights;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to operationalise all the airports during the last four years;
- (d) whether any concrete system has been chalked out by the Government to coordinate with various State Governments; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(Shri Jayant Sinha)

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- (a) & (b): There are 27 airports of Airports Authority of India (AAI) where no takeoff or landing of flights take place. AAI has spent Rs. 2.61 crores on maintenance of these airports during the financial year 2017-18.
- (c) to (e): Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme [Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik (UDAN)] in October, 2016 with the objective to facilitate/stimulate regional air connectivity to currently underserved and unserved airports by making it affordable. The revival of airstrips/airports is 'demand driven', depending upon firm commitment from airline operators as well as from the State Government for providing various concessions. 73 RCS (17 underserved and 56 unserved) airports have been identified in the first and second round of bidding under RCS-UDAN for their revival.
