

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 4325
(To be answered on the 18th July 2019)**

NON-OPERATION OF CIVIL FLIGHTS FROM AIRPORTS

4325. SHRI SUNIL BABURAO MENDHE

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) the number of airports set up by Airports Authority of India (AAI) where commercial operation of civil flights has not yet been started and are used only for landing of aircraft of flight training institutes as well as aircraft causing distinguished persons;
- (b) the names of such airports in Maharashtra where commercial operation of flights has not been started so far;
- (c) whether the Government are making efforts to start commercial operation of flights from such airports; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of State (IC) in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(a): There are 15 airports of Airports Authority of India (AAI) where commercial operation of civil flights has not yet been started and are used only for landing of aircraft of flight training institutes as well as aircraft carrying distinguished persons.

(b): The commercial flight operations have not yet commenced at Akola, Gondia, Juhu (Mumbai) and Sholapur airports in Maharashtra.

(c) & (d): During the Slot Allocation Committee's meeting held twice in an year, the airlines are requested to commence scheduled flights from the operational airports where no scheduled flights are operating. However, it is upto the airline operator to provide air services to a specific place depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. Further, Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik) in October, 2016 with the objective to facilitate / stimulate regional air connectivity to currently underserved and unserved airports in the country. Under the second bidding round of the scheme, route from Sholapur to Bengaluru has been awarded to M/s SpiceJet.