

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
Lok Sabha**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2885
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 8th August 2024)**

FLIGHTS FROM RAJKOT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether it is true that the cost of newly built Rajkot International Airport, which is currently non-operational, was rupees 1045 crore; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for not operating international flights therefrom?

ANSWER

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION
(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)**

(a) and (b): Rajkot (Hirasar) International Greenfield Airport has been developed by Airports Authority of India and is already operational with flight connectivity to Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Mumbai, Delhi, Goa, Mopa, and Pune. Out of the estimated project cost of Rs. 1405 crore, expenditure of approximately Rs. 1240 crore has been incurred on the airport development at the end of June, 2024.;

Currently, there is no scheduled international flight from Rajkot airport. Indian designated carriers are free to mount scheduled operations to/from any International/ Customs airport to foreign destinations under the ambit of bilateral Air Service Agreements (ASAs) concluded by India with foreign countries. The Government only provides an enabling environment for the operation of international flights and has no direct role in the start of flights as the commencement of international flights by Indian carriers from any point in India is purely a commercial decision of scheduled

**airlines based on traffic demand, airports flight handling capacity,
safety infrastructure and economic viability of the route.;**
