

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
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UPGRADATION OF AVIATION STRUCTURE IN MAHARASHTRA

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) the details of small airports in Maharashtra and their functional status thereof, district-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has taken any steps for the expansion of airports and the upgradation of aviation infrastructure in Maharashtra;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken thereon during the last three years;
- (d) whether the Government has any report/assessment on the action taken to support airports, post the COVID-19 pandemic and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the details of ongoing projects in Maharashtra and the stage of their completion along with the funds allocated and utilised for the said projects, particularly in Parbhani Parliamentary Constituency; and
- (f) whether the Government proposes to develop aviation infrastructure in various districts of Maharashtra including Washim Yavatmal Parliamentary Constituency and, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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- (a): There are 14 operational airports in Maharashtra at Aurangabad, Gondia, Kolhapur, Mumbai, Nagpur, Nasik, Pune, Shirdi, Sindhudurg, Akola, Jalgaon, Juhu, Nanded and Solapur. Under the Regional Connectivity Scheme- Ude Desh Ka Aam Naagrik (RCS-UDAN) scheme, six (6) airports namely - Kolhapur, Jalgaon, Nanded, Nasik, Gondia and Sindhudurg have already been operationalised under the Scheme in the state of Maharashtra.
- (b) to (f): The upgradation of airports is a continuous process and is undertaken by the respective airport operators on the passenger demand forecast, operational requirements for safety of aircraft operation and demand from airlines. Development works are taken up in a phased manner

depending upon the availability of land and viability, as well as other facilities with reference to intended aircraft operations. During the last three years, the Airports Authority of India (AAI) has undertaken various projects for expansion of airports and the upgradation of aviation infrastructure, including extension/ re-carpeting of runways, construction/ re-configuration of Terminal Buildings, extension of aprons and taxiways etc. at Akola, Aurangabad, Gondia, Juhu, Kolhapur, Pune and Solapur airports in Maharashtra.

As regards the ongoing projects, AAI has undertaken the re-carpeting of the runway and taxiways at Shirdi Airport at an estimated cost of Rs.61.58 crore, with Rs.6.78 crore utilized so far. At Nagpur Airport, the re-carpeting of runway 14/32 is being carried out at a cost of Rs.58.00 crore, out of which Rs.19.13 crore has been utilized. Similarly, at Pune Airport, the reconstruction of the old terminal building and allied works, have been taken up at a cost of Rs.46.56 crore, with Rs.25.86 crore utilized so far. These projects are at various stages of completion.

Yavatmal airstrip, is available in the list of unserved airstrips in the UDAN document. However, no routes connecting Yavatmal have been awarded to any airline for the operation of RCS flights.

To support the airports post-pandemic, the Government introduced temporary financial flexibilities in the provisions of Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) such as reduction in performance guarantee and return of additional performance guarantee, subject to certain conditions. Additionally, operational flexibilities were provided, including conversion of RCS seats to non-RCS seats, permission to operate between 3 and 7/14 flights per week, suspension of performance criteria, and extension of contract periods corresponding to the lockdown duration.
