

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2185
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 12th February 2026)

DEVELOPMENT OF AIRPORTS AND AIRSTRIPS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) the number of new airports built and the number of existing airstrips redeveloped in the country since 2014;
- (b) the number of airports and airstrips out of the above airports and airstrips stopped operations for a period exceeding six months, date and State-wise;
- (c) the primary reasons for withdrawal of operations by carriers; and
- (d) the number of security personnel and airport staff currently on duty at such airports, airport-wise?

ANSWER

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

(a): 13 Greenfield Airports have been developed and operationalised in the country since 2014. Under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)- UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik), 95 unserved and underserved airports (including 17 heliports & 02 water aerodromes) have been developed and operationalised.

(b) to (d): Currently, 15 airports are non-operational due to factors such as completion of the three-year concession period under UDAN, poor visibility conditions, daytime runway restrictions at Visual Flight Rules (VFR) only airports, shortage of aircraft, leasing issues, temporary discontinuation by airlines, novation of routes and low passenger load factors.

State-wise, Airport-wise details of such airports alongwith number of security personnel and airport staff deployed there is at Annexure-I.

Statement referred in reply of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2185 for answer on 12.02.2026

State-wise and Airport-wise Details of Non-Operational Airports alongwith number of Security Personnel and Airport Staff deployed (as on 01.02.2026)

State	Airport	Security Personnel		Airport Staff
		CISF Deployed	APSU / State Police Deployed	AAI Manpower Posted
Punjab	Pathankot	—	40	2
Sikkim	Pakyong	—	53	19
Uttar Pradesh	Kushinagar	—	126	18
	Aligarh	—	74	8
	Azamgarh	—	86	7
	Chitrakoot	—	59	8
	Shravasti	—	91	7
	Moradabad	—	73	8
Gujarat	Bhavnagar	97	—	35
Punjab	Ludhiana	—	30	20
Madhya Pradesh	Datia	—	64	8
Karnataka	Kalaburagi	—	71	27
Himachal Pradesh	Shimla	85	—	21
West Bengal	Cooch Behar	—	49	14
Chhattisgarh	Ambikapur	—	57	5