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10	Rajasthan	State Pollution Control Board—5480 cubic metre/ day of ground water being extracted by 28 mineral water/soft drink plants.
11	Uttar Pradesh	U.P. Pollution Control Board —5777000 cubic metre of ground water being extracted by 13 soft drink bottling plants . No water cess is levied.
12	Pondicherry	State Ground Water Unit & Soil Conservation— 2200 cubic metre/year of ground water being extracted by one mineral water plant.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

New Airport in Pune

1487. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present airport in Pune is located in and shares its airstcrips with the Airforce-station due to which the airlines and passengers face acute problems on account of this;

(b) whether there is any plan to build a new airport in Pune; and

(c) if so, whether a site-has been identified and by when the construction will start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Pune airport belongs to Ministry of Defence where Airports Authority of India (AAI) maintains a civil enclave to handle civil aircraft operations. Although the existing terminal building has been expanded and modified, the facilities available there in are not adequate to meet the growing traffic.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Government of Maharashtra has proposed a site at Rajgurunagar near Chakan/Pune for the construction of a new airport. The preliminary site inspection was carried out jointly by AAI, Directorate-General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC). MIDC has been requested to provide meteorological data for finalising the orientation of the runway and for carrying out Techno-Economic Feasibility Study.

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