

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with them. Also, as per the Greenfield Airport Policy, development of small airports, if required, may be taken up with private participation.

Naugaon air strip at Chhatarpur in M.P.

†2174. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of air strips in Madhya Pradesh built without taking care of safety standards and whether the land matter for Naugaon air strip at Chhatarpur is stuck between Defence and Civil Aviation Ministries;

(b) whether Government is planning to free land for Naugaon air strip from encroachers and to develop it as a useful airport; and

(c) if so, the details of measures being taken by Government to operationalize this kind of half built and unutilized air strips?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL):
(a) to (c) There are seven airports and one Civil Enclave belongs to Airports Authority of India (AAI), out of which four airports and one Civil Enclave are operational. All these four airports and one Civil Enclave conform to the guidelines of International Civil Aviation Organization and Safety Norms as per Civil Aviation Requirements (CARs), issued by Directorate General of Civil Aviation from time to time. Naugaon airstrip in Chhatarpur, belongs to State Government of Madhya Pradesh.

AAI has carried out a study of 33 non-operational airports. As per the Study Report, 13 out of 33 aerodromes can be developed and operationalized for ATR 72 type of aircraft operations. These are Akola, Sholapur, Vellore, Mysore, Warangal, Rupsi, Cuddapah, Chakulia, Malda, Jharsuguda, Tezu, Passighat and Kamalpur. Among these aerodromes, Mysore airport in Karnataka has already been developed for ATR 72 type of aircraft operations and is in operation. Passighat airport in Arunachal Pradesh has been handed over to Indian Air Force (IAF) as IAF (Ministry of Defence) has been mandated to develop this airport.

Appointment of a foreign national as CEO/COO by NACIL

2175. SHRI BHARATKUMAR RAUT : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

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