

Airports in Madhya Pradesh

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

- (a) the number of airports owned by National Airports Authority of India in Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) the number of airports out of them, proposed to be constructed in line with international standard and the action taken in this regard; and
- (c) whether there is any proposal from Government to provide air services from Madhya Pradesh to South India?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) There are seven airports namely Indore, Bhopal, Khajuraho, Jabalpur, Satna, Khandwa, Panna and one civil enclave in Gwalior owned and maintained by Airports Authority of India in Madhya Pradesh.

(b) All the above said airports have been developed in line with Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR)/International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) standards.

(c) Government has laid down route dispersal guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country including North-East region. It is however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places including airports in Madhya Pradesh depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. As such airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of route dispersal guidelines issued by the Government.

Panna air strip in Madhya Pradesh

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

- (a) whether Panna air strip is recorded in the name of Department of Aviation, Government of Madhya Pradesh in the revenue records;
- (b) if so, whether the airstrip has been transferred to Madhya Pradesh Government by the Ministry of Civil Aviation; and

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