Closure of non functional airports in the country

2888. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are around 24 airports in the country which are non-functional;

(b) whether it is also a fact that expenses incurred in managing these non functional airports is far more than the revenue generated by these airports;

(c) whether Government will come forward to shut these non, functional airports, which have remained a burden for Airports Authority of India (AAI) for more than five financial years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAYANT SINHA) (a) Out of a total of 476 airports/airstrips in the country owned by Defence establishments, Airports Authority of India (AAI), State Governments, Private Companies, etc., only 126 airports are owned and managed by AAI. Out of these 126 airports, 31 airports are non-operational.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The National Civil Aviation Policy, 2016 (NCAP) provides for revival of such un-served and under-served airports on demand basis depending upon firm commitment from the airlines operators; and the State Governments who agree to provide various concessions envisaged in the policy. For implementation of the provisions of NCAP, Government of India has approved the proposal for revival of 50 such airports/airstrips of AAI, Civil Enclaves, State Governments and other Central Public Sector Undertakings at an estimated cost of ₹ 4500 crore to be completed by December, 2018.

Construction of new greenfield airports in the country

†2889. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes the construction of new greenfield airports and revamping/upgradation of the existing airports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the details of various airport projects currently underway, State/Union Territory-wise;

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