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**Conversion of Bhubaneswar Airport as International Airport**

2342. SHRI BALGOPAL MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to convert Bhubaneswar Airport into an International Airport; and

(b) if so, the cost and time required for completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise.

**Profit earned by A.J./I.A.**

2343. SHRI BALASAHED VIKHE PATIL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the profit earned by Air India and Indian Airlines respectively, during 1988-89 and till February, 1990;

(b) the estimated profit likely to be earned by each Air Line during 1990-91;

(c) whether any funds have been earmarked for modernisation of airports in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) The net profit earned by Air India and Indian Airlines is as follows:

Year	Air India	Indian Airlines
	<i>(Rs. in crores)</i>	
1988-89	43.31	10.68
1989-90	38.40* (upto December 1989)	5.30 (upto February 1990)

\* Figures for January, February, 1990 are not available.

(b) Air India expects to earn a profit of Rs.27 crores during 1990-91. However due to recent crash of one Airbus A-320 aircraft on 14.2.1990 and subsequent temporary suspension of operations of Airbus A-320 aircraft, Indian Air Lines has not been able to formulate its revenue and expenditure budget for the year 1990-91

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. There are plans to upgrade and modernise airport, air traffic control system at Bombay and Delhi and development and improvement of passenger facilities at the international airports during the 8th Five Year Plan (1990-95). Estimates of expenditure likely to be incurred have not been finalised.