

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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FUNDS RELEASED FOR UPGRADATION OF AIRPORT
PUSP JAIN

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have released funds to Airport Authority of India for upgradation of various airports;
- (b) if so, the details of funds allocated during each of the last three years and the details of actual amount spent on each airport;
- (c) the details of airport upgraded so far;
- (d) whether the Government have received any report regarding misuse of funds allocated for upgradation/development of various airports; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) & (b) :- Yes, Sir. Budgetary Support of Rs. 0.79 crores was given only during 1999-2000, for the development of Amritsar Airport, whereas Airports Authority of India (AAI) has spent Rs. 1 crore in 1998-99 and 0.79 crores in 1999-2000 for the purpose. A sum of Rs. 10 crores in 1997-98, Rs. 19.92 crores in 1998-99 and Rs. 20.50 crores in 1999-2000 was released for the development of airports in North East Region and other crucial areas like Jammu and Kashmir. But an expenditure of Rs. 29.53 crores in 1997-98, Rs. 42.09 crores in 1998-99 and Rs. 42.32 crores in 1999-2000 has been incurred by AAI in excess of the budgetary support extended. For the development of Port Blair and Leh airport, budgetary support to the tune of Rs. 5.08 crores and Rs. 3.71 crores each during 1998-99 and 1999-2000 was given and AAI has again spent Rs. 5.24 crores and Rs. 9.01 crores respectively.

(c) :- The details of airports upgraded so far are strengthening of runway and associated payments at Dibrugarh airport and installation of radar at Guwahati in April, 1997; construction of new Terminal Building complex at Dimapur in July, 1997; expansion of Arrival Hall of Terminal Building and of apron and allied works at Guwahati airport in May, 1998; expansion of Terminal Building for 300 passengers at Silchar in June, 1999; expansion of Terminal Building for 650 passengers at Imphal in November, 1999; construction of new civil enclave for 500 passengers and Technical Block at Port Blair and Imphal respectively in October, 2000; construction of new civil enclave for 400 passengers at Tezpur in November, 2000.

(d) :- No, Sir.

(e) :- Does not arise.