

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF AIRPORT IN BACKWARD TERRITORY
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have contemplated any policy to set up any Airport within the backward Bodoland Territory with special mention to Kokrajhar, Bongaigaon, Barpeta, Nalbari, Kamrup, Darrang, Sonitpur, Dhemaji and Dhubri district located in the Northern bank of the river Brahmaputra aiming at providing air service facility to the people living therein;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of the action taken so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a), (b), (c) and (d):- At present, there is an international airport at Guwahati and domestic airports at Jorhat, Silchar, Tezpur and Dibrugarh in Assam, which are operational. Since no airline has indicated its plan to start air operations from Bodoland Territory in view of lack of demand for air traffic, there is no plan at present to set up any new airport in this area.