

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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UPGRADATION OF BIJU PATNAIK AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have decided to start development works at the `Biju Patnaik Airport` at Bhubaneswar;
- (b) whether the Government have received any proposal for upgrading Biju Patnaik Airport as International Airport; and
- (c) if so, the time by which it is proposed to be declared?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) , (b) & (c) :- Airports Authority of India (AAI) had constructed a new terminal building with all modern passenger facilities to cater to 500 passengers at a time at an estimated cost of Rs.17.77 Crores. Airport is suitable to handle limited international flights with AB-320 class of aircraft. AAI has taken up work for extension of runway to 9000` to make itsuitable for wide bodied jet aircraft operation at a cost of Rs.12.62 crores. The work is held up due to non closure of road passing through the area of proposed extension.