

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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OPERATIONAL AIRPORT IN NORTH EASTERN STATES  
MADHAVRAO SCINDIA

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Airports Authority of India (AAI) has undertaken a major project to develop the operational airports in the seven North Eastern States;
- (b) if so, the cost and the targets fixed for each of them, airport-wise;
- (c) whether there is a proposal for the upgradation of an airport to the international standards in the North-Eastern States; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) and (b):- Airports Authority of India (AAI) has taken up major projects for development of the operational airports in the North Eastern States which are as follows:

AGARTALA - Expansion /modification of terminal building & allied works at the cost of Rs.27.61 crores and extension of apron & strengthening of link taxiway at the cost of Rs.4.95 crores to be completed by March, 2002, extension of runway to 7500 feet & allied works at the cost of Rs.28.70 crores to be completed by June, 2003.

DIBRUGARH - Construction of new terminal building at the cost of Rs.24.58 crores will be taken up after transfer of land to AAI by the State Government.

DIMAPUR - Strengthening of runway at the cost of 10.27 crores to be completed by September, 2002.

IMPHAL - Strengthening of runway at the cost of Rs.19.50 crores to be completed by June, 2003.

LILABARI - Construction of new terminal building complex at the cost of Rs.14.47 crores to be completed by September, 2001.

JORHAT - Construction of new link taxiway at the cost of Rs.1.10 crores to be completed by August, 2001.

(c) and (d):- Guwahati Airport in Assam has already been declared as international airport. AAI has undertaken major work to upgrade it to international standards such as expansion/modification of existing domestic terminal building, strengthening of existing runway to make it suitable for B-747 aircraft, installation of state-of-art modern radars etc. Besides, extension of runway from existing 9000 feet to 12000 feet, construction of new international terminal building/cargo complex depending upon traffic potential and requirement of airlines and provision of two aerobridges have also been planned.