

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4045
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UPGRADATION OF GUWAHATI AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Guwahati Airport has been upgraded as an International Airport;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether not even a single international flight operates from here despite being an International Airport;
- (d) whether no foreign airline has evinced any interest to operate to and from Guwahati and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Indian Airlines operate international flights from many Indian airports and if so, whether these flights were found commercially viable;
- (f) if so, whether the Government have made any market survey as to the potential of Guwahati for generating enough international traffic;
- (g) if so, the details thereof;
- (h) whether Indian Airlines propose to start operating flights from Guwahati to destinations like Kathmandu, Bangkok etc.; and
- (i) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

- (a) & (b) :- Guwahat Airport has already been declared as an International Airport.
- (c) & (d) :- No airline has shown interest in operating international flights from Guwahati airport so far.
- (e) :- Yes, Sir.
- (f) & (g) :- Market surveys/traffic studies are undertaken by airlines from time to time. Decision to start international flights from any airport is taken by them based on economic viability and traffic potential.
- (h) & (i) :- Indian Airlines has, at present, no proposal to start international flights from Guwahati.