

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5149
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DEVELOPMENT OF SHIMLA AIRPORT
DHANI RAM SHANDIL

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is proposed to upgrade Shimla airport with a view to operating more flights to different destinations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and funds allotted therefor; and
- (c) if not the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION

(SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): Upgradation of Shimla Airport is not possible due to topographical conditions as the airport exists at a table top. However, the existing runway is being extended by 300 ft. and runway surface is planned to be strengthened to facilitate operation of an ATR type of aircraft at an estimated cost of Rs. 1.83 crores.