

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:187  
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MODERNISATION OF BIJU PATNAIK AIRPORT  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the extension of the runway at the Biju Patnaik Airport has been delayed;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to remove hurdles in its completion;
- (d) whether the Government have received a proposal from Government of Orissa to upgrade the Biju Patnaik Airport of Bhubaneswar to an International Airport;
- (e) if so, the steps taken thereon; and
- (f) whether the Government propose to introduce a daily Airbus flight between Delhi-Bhubaneswar?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION ( SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY )

- (a) :- Extension of runway at Biju Patnaik airport was completed, except for a small patch of land through which a State Government road was passing through.
- (b) :- The delay is due to non-diversion of the road by the State Government.
- (c) :- After constant follow-up, the State Government has now agreed to divert this road. Extension of runway work on this small patch of land will be taken up by Airports Authority of India (AAI), after road is diverted.
- (d) :- Yes, Sir.
- (e) :- Declaration of an airport as international airport depend upon traffic potential and demand from airlines for operation of international flights. At present, no airline has requested AAI to operate scheduled international flights through Bhubaneswar airport.
- (f) :- Indian Airlines is unable to operate a daily service of A-320 on Delhi-Bhubaneswar route due to aircraft resource constraints.