

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1139  
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UPGRADATION OF SRINAGAR AIRPORT  
ALI MOHMAD NAIK

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

(a) whether the Government of J&K has urged Union Government for the upgradation of Srinagar Airport into International Airport keeping in view the traffic requirement for the Haj pilgrims; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) & (b) :- The State Government has requested Airports Authority of India (AAI) for upgrading the facilities for Haj pilgrims at Srinagar Airport. The Airport at Srinagar belongs to Ministry of Defence and A A maintains a Civil Enclave. AAI has completed/planned the following works for upgrading the airport at Srinagar:

(i) An additional shed constructed with all passenger amenities for the convenience of the Haj pilgrims, when the Haj charters operate from Srinagar Airport.

(ii) Provision of Customs and Immigration facilities to make the airport suitable for handling limited international charter flights.