

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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EXTENSION OF RUNWAYS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of requests received by the Central Government from State Governments for extension of runway for Boeing 737/A-320 aircraft operations during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise;
- (b) the details of airports where runways have been extended for smooth operation of Boeing aircraft; and
- (c) the action taken by the Union Government in respect of other pending requests?

Answer

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

(a) The details of requests received from State Governments for extension of runway for operation of B-737/A-320 aircraft during the last three years are as follows:-

2001-Chhattisgarh for Raipur Airport and Uttaranchal State for Dehradun Airport.

2002- Uttaranchal State for Pant Nagar and Gujarat State for Surat.

2003-No new request received.

(b) Details of airports where runways have been extended for operation of B-737/A-320 aircraft are as follows:-

Jammu-From 6000 ft. to 6700 ft.
Jabalpur-From 4500 ft. to 6500 ft.
Lilabari-From 6000 ft. to 7500 ft.

The runway extensions (7500 ft/8000 ft.) are undertaken/planned for operations of A-320 type of aircraft at following airports:-

- Bhopal, Bhavnagar, Dibrugarh, Madurai, Dehradun, Raipur Rajkot, Trichy, Silchar, new runway at Mangalore.
- Agartala-Runway extension work to 7000 ft. is nearing completion.
- Khajuraho-Runway extension work to 7000 ft. is in progress.
- Vijayawada-Economic feasibility study being carried out.

(c) Extension of runway at Pantnagar and Surat is likely to be examined depending upon the traffic requirements and demand from airlines.