

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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MODERNISATION OF AIRPORTS IN N.E. REGION

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for modernisation of the airports in the North-Eastern States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the funds likely to be spent on the implementation of the scheme; and
- (d) the time by which the work on the scheme is likely to be completed?

Answer

- MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a)Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposals for upgradation, improvement and modernization of infrastructure facilities available at the airports in the North-Eastern Region have been taken up in phased manner depending upon the availability of land from respective State Governments in consultation with airlines, based on type of aircraft operated by them. North-East Council has accepted the proposals and is funding 60% towards the development cost.

Various development works like extension of runways at Agartala, Lilabari, Dimapur, Imphal and Guwahati airport;construction of new terminal buildings at Agartala, Lilabari, Tezpur, Dimapur and Imphal; Installation of Ground Lighting facilities and Instrument Landing System at Agartala, Imphal, Guwahati and Dibrugarh etc. have been completed in NE Region during 9th and first three years of 10th Five Year Plan. The rest of the work viz. Installation of Instrument Landing System (ILS) at Dimapur, Lilabari and Silchar, extension of runway and associated pavement at Silchar (IAF Airfield) and Dibrugarh have been taken up for the remaining period of 10th Five Year Plan.

(c)Rs. 243.32 crores have already been spent during 9th and first three year of 10th Five Year Plan and Rs. 36 crores is likely to be spent during the remaining period of 10th Five Year Plan.

(d)The major development works are likely to be completed by the end of the 10th Five Year Plan i.e., by 2007.