

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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UPGRADATION OF HUBLI AND BELGAUM AIRPORTS  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is any proposal to upgrade Hubli and Belgaum airports in Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the funds earmarked for the purpose; and
- (d) the further steps being taken in this regard keeping in view the growth of traffic in these airports?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) Strengthening of runways and associated pavements has already been initiated by Airports Authority of India (AAI) at Hubli and Belgaum airports for operation of ATR-72 type of aircraft. Besides, AAI has initiated action for upgradation of ground lighting facilities at Hubli airport.
- (c) Funds earmarked for Hubli and Belgaum airports are Rs.11.14 crores and Rs.14.79 crores respectively.
- (d) Keeping in view the growth of air traffic, AAI has plans for modification of existing terminal buildings at these airports.