

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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BIJU PATNAIK AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the proposal for upgradation of Biju Patnaik Airport is pending with the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to clear the proposal?

Answer

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

(a) No Sir.

(b) & (c) Upgradation of infrastructure facilities at Biju Patnaik Airport, Bhubaneswar has been taken up and planned in a phased manner. The works like strengthening and extension of runway to 9,000 feet for operation of wide-bodied aircraft is in progress and likely to be completed by June, 2006. In addition, consultants have been engaged for preparation of master plan/ drawings for terminal building complex and apron etc.