

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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UPGRADATION OF MANGALORE AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether there has been persistent demands for upgrading the Mangalore Airport to International Status;
- (b) If so, the details thereof; and
- (c) The response of the Government in the matter?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There are demands from various Members of Parliament and other agencies for declaration of Mangalore airport as an International airport.

(c) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has taken up construction of a new runway for operation of A-310 type of aircraft. Work is likely to be completed by March, 2006. AAI has a proposal for construction of a new integrated terminal building with all modern facilities near the beginning of the new runway, likely to be taken up after handing over of the additional required land by the State Government free of cost and free from encumbrances alongwith the approach road. Declaration of Mangalore Airport as an International Airport is contingent on completion of the above project.