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DEVELOPMENT OF SURAT AIRPORT

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Gujarat has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Airport Authority of India and handed over Surat Airport to AAI for further development and operation;
- (b) if so, whether there is also a proposal for upgradation of Rajkot Airport and setting up of new international Airport at Ahmedabad;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the time by which the said work likely to be completed;
- (e) whether any plan for expansion of the runway has been finalised; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b), (c)& (d) Action is in hand for upgradation of Rajkot Airport. There is no proposal at present to set up a new international airport at Ahmedabad. A new international passenger terminal is being proposed at Ahmedabad. The modification work for Rajkot Airport Terminal Building is proposed to be undertaken in the later part of the year 2005-2006. For the Ahmedabad International Terminal Building, an agreement is to be signed with the consultant after which detailed architectural drawings are to be submitted by the consultant. The construction would be taken up thereafter. The work is likely to be completed between 24 to 30 months period.

(e) & (f) No runway expansions are proposed at Rajkot and Ahmedabad Airports. Expansion of runway is proposed at Surat Airport initially to 1525 meters and ultimately to 3025 meters.