

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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POOR PASSENGERS AMENITIES AT VADODARA AND AHMEDABAD AIRPORTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the poor passengers amenities at the Vadodara and Ahmedabad Airports where even the luggage/baggage of the passengers get damaged on this account;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to upgrade the Airport and improve the passenger amenities;

(c) whether a proposal to provide land for Air Cargo Complex for perishables at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport, Ahmedabad is pending with Airport Authority of India; and

(d) if so, the details and present status in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The Terminal Building at Vadodara Airport is adequate to serve 500 passengers at a time and is equipped with all modern passenger amenities. At Ahmedabad, a new domestic departure block equipped with all modern passenger facilities to serve 600 passengers is being constructed and is likely to be completed by July,2005. There are also plans for construction of a New Domestic Arrival Block for 600 passengers and expansion of international terminal building at Ahmedabad.

(c) & (d) A proposal for allotment of 1080 Sq. mtr. of land to M/s Gujarat Agro Industries Corporation Ltd. (GAICL) for setting up of an Air Cargo Complex for perishable commodities at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport, Ahmedabad has been received and is being examined by Airports Authority of India.