

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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AIRPORT AT BALJEK
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress so far made in the construction of Baljek Airport in Meghalaya indicating the projected length of the runway and the nature and number of flights to be operated therefrom;
- (b) the cost of the project and the expenditure incurred thereon so far; and
- (c) the time by which the said work is likely to be completed?

Answer

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

- (a) The Baljek Airport belongs to the State Government of Meghalaya. Airports Authority of India (AAI) has taken up the work of construction of new runway, taxiway, apron, New Terminal Building and Control Tower as `Deposit Work`. The Work has been substantially completed except some finishing works. Due to law and order problems, the balance work could not be taken up and the work was foreclosed in September 2000. After assurance from State Government in April 2007 to provide security to the project site, AAI has taken up the execution of balance works. The runway dimension is 1200 m x 30 m and is suitable for operation of 20 seater (Dornier) type of aircraft in fair weather conditons.
- (b) The cost of the project is Rs.12.21 crores and expenditure incurred so far is Rs.8.40 crores.
- (c) The said works are likely to be completed by February 2008.