

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF AIRPORTS IN KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the State Government of Karnataka had submitted the proposals to the Union Government for development of airports at Gulbarga-Hassan, Bidar, Bijapur, Karwar, Shimoga, Hubli, Belgaum, Mangalore, Mysore and Bellary;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the State Government had already provided necessary infrastructure for these works; and
- (d) if so, the details alongwith the time by which all these projects are likely to be completed?

Answer

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

(a) & (b). Yes, Sir. There are proposals for upgradation of existing airports belonging to Airports Authority of India (AAI) at Belgaum, Hubli, Mangalore and Mysore; to develop new Greenfield airports at Bellary, Bijapur, Gulbarga, Hassan, Shimoga through Public Private Partnership (PPP) Route; and setting up of civil enclaves at Bidar and Karwar.

(c) & (d) State Government of Karnataka has to provide additional land for upgradation/ expansion of airports at Belgaum, Hubli and Mysore. Further, expansion work at Mangalore and Mysore airports would also require diversion of roads by the State Government. The State Government has called for Expression of Interest for development of new Greenfield Airports through PPP at Bijapur, Gulbarga, Hassan and Shimoga.

Ministry of Defence has given its approval for a Civil Enclave at IAF airstrip at Bidar. AAI in conjunction the State Government is taking necessary action in this regard. AAI has not found it feasible to develop the existing Bellary Airport due to natural-constraints. The proposal for a civil enclave at Karwar is at a preliminary stage as the airstrip is yet to be developed by the Indian Navy.