

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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EXPANSION OF HUBLI AND BELGAUM AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to expand the Hubli and Belgaum Airports in Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the work on these projects are likely to start?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) Presently Airports Authority of India (AAI) is carrying out the strengthening of runways and associated pavements and upgradation of ground lighting facilities at Hubli and Belgaum airports to cater to the operation of ATR 72 type of aircraft. Besides this, AAI has no proposal at present for expansion of Hubli and Belgaum airports due to non-receipt of demand from airline operators to operate higher category of aircraft at these airports.

(c) Does not arise.