

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government has decided to develop the Jharsuguda airport in Orissa for schedule flight operation;
- (b) if so,the status of the proposal;
- (c) the funds allocated for this purpose;and
- (d) the time by which the work on this airport is likely to be started?

Answer

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

(a),(b),(c) & (d) In accordance with the recommendations of Feasibility Study submitted by M/s. RITES,Airports Authority of India (AAI) has planned for development of Jharsuguda airport initially for ATR type of aircraft operations.The initiation of development works is inter-alia,subject to provision of required additional land of 815 acres by the State Government of Orissa free of cost under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to be signed with AAI as per the Master Plan and draft MOU submitted by AAI to the State Government on 13th September,2007 and firm commitment of any airline operator to commence scheduled flights through this airport.

The budget provision has been made by AAI for Rs.1.82 crores in RE 2008-09 and Rs.2.19 crores in BE 2009-10.Further provision of fund,is subject to initiation of work as stated above.