

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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EXTENSION OF RUNWAY
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether extension of runways at various airports in the country is under consideration of the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the extension of the runway at the Patna Loknayak Jaiprakash Narayan Airport for the purpose of starting the international flights from it was scheduled to be completed by October 2003 but has not been done so far;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to undertake the extension work of the runway?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has plans for extension of existing runways at eighteen airports in the country. The work is at various stages of implementation.
- (c), (d) & (e) Extension of runway for starting International flight has not been taken up at Loknayak Jaiprakash Narayan Airport, Patna due to non-availability of land and obstructions already existing in the approach funnel of runway. The work would be taken up subject to removal of all the identified obstacles by the State Government.