

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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UPGRADATION OF AIRPORTS IN MADHYA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the Government of Madhya Pradesh to upgrade the airports in Khajuraho, Bhopal and Indore upto the international level; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Union Government in this regard so far?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Airports Authority of India (AAI) is developing and upgrading the facilities at Indore, Bhopal and Khajuraho to be comparable with International standards. The Government of Madhya Pradesh has provided land to AAI for development of these airports. Details of the development works completed/ undertaken at these airports are as under: Khajuraho airport- Strengthening and extension of runway from 1829 m to 2286 m and expansion of apron to accommodate additional five aircrafts including wide-bodied aircraft have been completed. In addition, construction of new terminal building has been taken up which is expected to be completed by December 2010. Bhopal Airport- Strengthening and extension of runway from 2045 m to 2744 m has been completed. In addition, expansion of apron to accommodate more aircrafts including wide-bodied aircraft has been taken up which is expected to be completed by March 2010 and construction of new terminal building has been taken up and is expected to be completed by June 2010. Indore Airport- Strengthening and extension of runway from 2287 m to 2750 m and expansion of apron to accommodate more aircraft including wide -bodied aircraft have been completed. In addition, construction of new terminal building has been taken up which is expected to be completed by June 2010.