

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF NEW AIRPORTS IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to construct any new airport in Orissa;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken to upgrade or modernize the existing airports in the State?

Answer

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

(a) No, Madam.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has a proposal for development & operationalisation of Jharsuguda Airport for ATR type of aircraft operations subject to signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between Government of Orissa and AAI and handing over of the required land for development of the airport. AAI has also decided for development and upgradation of Biju Patnaik Airport at Bhubaneswar to international standards.