

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INFRASTRUCTURE AT RAJKOT AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of expansion of infrastructure facilities at Rajkot Airport in Gujarat;
- (b) whether there is any proposal to set up new airport in Gujarat;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government would consider expanding infrastructural facilities and providing more air connectivity with different countries of the world in view of tourist influx in Rajkot, and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) Airports Authority of India (AAI) have a plan to construct a new terminal building for handling 250 passengers and construction of an apron and taxiway at Rajkot airport.
- (b) & (c) State Government of Gujarat has proposed to establish new Greenfield airport near Rajkot and Ahmedabad (Dholera). AAI has been assigned the responsibility of preparing Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the Dholera project. The proposed site for construction of new Greenfield airport at Rajkot was found feasible. The State Government has been requested to plot the proposed area in Survey of India 1:50000 map for further examination.
- (d) & (e) AAI have extensive development plan for Rajkot airport which includes expansion of runway and construction of new terminal building. Railway Authorities were approached for the lease acquisition of land for the purpose of runway extension for the operation of Airbus A-320 type of aircraft without load penalty. Railway Authorities have informed that the proposal will cost about Rs. 35 crores for the relocation of staff quarters on the proposed land besides the lease cost of the land. The State Highway passing through the runway extended central line needs to be diverted. The State Government has already been requested for the same. Provision of more connectivity with different countries of the world may be considered after the expansion and development of this airport and commitment of airline operators as per their commercial judgement.