

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1742
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DEVELOPMENT OF JHARSUGUDA AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide specific packages to develop certain airports in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) status of acquisition of land for the proposed development of Jharsuguda Airport in Orissa;
- (d) the details of funds earmarked for the project; and
- (e) the time by which this work is scheduled to be completed?

Answer

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

- (a) Government provides financial assistance for the development of existing and new airports in the North-East Region.
- (b) Government is providing 90% funding of the cost for the construction of new Greenfield airport at Pakyong Sikkim.
- (c) In accordance with the recommendations of Feasibility Study submitted by M/s. RITES, Airports Authority of India (AAI) has a plan to develop Jharsuguda airport initially for ATR type of aircraft operations. However, action for further development of this airport will be considered after additional land measuring 815 acres is made available as per the Master Plan by the State Government of Orissa to AAI free of cost & free from all encumbrances.
- (d) & (e) The budget provision has been made by AAI for Rs. 2.19 crores in BE 2009-10. Further provision of fund, is subject to initiation of work as stated above. The completion of the project is subject to making available of additional land of 815 acres by the State Government.