

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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BHUBANESWAR AIRPORT  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the current status of development and upgradation works at Bhubaneswar airport;
- (b) whether it is proposed to introduce direct flights from Bhubaneswar to Bangkok and Singapore;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government plans to develop any other airport in Orissa; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a): At present, Airports Authority of India (AAI) has taken up the work of construction of a new terminal building at a cost of Rs. 145.54 crores to handle 800 passengers at a time with all modern facilities including extension of apron and installation of two aerobridges.
- (b) & (c): As per the existing air services arrangements with Thailand and Singapore, the designated airlines of these countries have an unlimited access to/ from Bhubaneswar. As far as, Indian carriers are concerned, they are free to mount services from any point in India including Bhubaneswar to the foreign destinations as per the respective bilateral air services arrangements. However, actual operations by any airlines is always guided by its commercial judgement.
- (d) & (e): AAI has plans for development of Jharsuguda airport in phases, initially for ATR-72 type of aircraft operation and subsequently for higher category aircraft subject to handing over of the required land for development of this airport by the State Government of Orissa to AAI.