

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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PATNA AIRPORT
Hazari Shri Maheshwar

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the runway of Patna Airport is smaller than any other runways of all the Airports in the country;
- (b) if so, whether there is always apprehension of an accident at Patna Airport;
- (c) if so, whether the Government proposes to upgrade the runway of Patna Airport; and
- (d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done?

Answer

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

(a),(b),(c) & (d) No, Madam. However, the current operation is severely restricted due to the presence of obstacles - trees on one side and railway line on the other. Government has taken up the matter with the State Government for removal of these obstacles as besides this further development of the airport is not possible under present circumstances.