

**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) whether it is proposed to convert Bhubaneswar airport into an international airport with a view to exploit the immense tourist potential in this region;
- (b) if so, whether the State Government has written to the Centre in the matter; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

**Answer**

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

(a), (b) & (c) Biju Patnaik Airport at Bhubaneswar is one of the 35 non-metro airports taken up for development and upgradation to international standards. At this airport, construction of a New Terminal Building with all modern facilities including two aerobridges at a cost of Rs. 145.54 crores to handle 800 passengers at a time has been initiated. Airports Authority of India (AAI) has also a plan for extension of apron to facilitate aerobridge stands.