

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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PASSENGER FACILITIES AT AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Varanasi and Lucknow airports have inadequate passenger facilities;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to improve facilities on such airports to bring them at par with international standards?

Answer

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

(a),(b), & (c): No, Madam. Varanasi and Lucknow airports are having adequate passenger facilities at the existing Terminal Building. However, in order to augment capacity for simultaneous handling of domestic and international passengers, Airports Authority of India (AAI) has taken up the following works at Varanasi and Lucknow airports:

At Lucknow Airport, construction of new International Terminal Building with all modern facilities including two aerobridges for handling 500 international passengers during peak hours has been taken up with an estimated cost of Rs.129.28 crores (approx.) and expected date of commissioning by March 2011.

At Varanasi Airport, construction of new Integrated Terminal Building with all modern facilities including two aerobridges for handling 500 domestic and 300 international passengers during peak hours has been taken up with an estimated cost of Rs. 143.5 crores (approx.) and expected date of completion by August 2010. Upgradation and modernisation of airports and improvement of facilities thereon are a continuous process depending on growth rate, availability of land and resources, socio-economic consideration, traffic potential, commercial viability, economic feasibility etc.