

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to upgrade/ modernise Raipur airport;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a), (b) & (c) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has undertaken construction of New Integrated Terminal Building Complex with all modern facilities including 2 aerobridges for handling 700 peak hour passengers, at a cost of Rs.135.72 crores with expected date of commissioning as March, 2011.

In addition, AAI has a Master Plan for phased development of Raipur airport which includes extension of runway for operation of wide bodied aircraft for which 2250 acres additional land is required. AAI has requested the State Government of Chhattisgarh for handing over of requisite land. Any action in the matter is subject to handing over of land by the State Government of Chhattisgarh to AAI.