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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of upgradation and expansion of infrastructure facilities at Jharsuguda airport and Biju Patnaik airport, Bhubaneswar in Orissa; and

(b) the steps taken to introduce more flights from these airports?

Answer

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

(a) At Biju Patnaik Airport, Bhubaneswar, the work related to construction of a new Terminal Building with all modern passenger amenities is underway with expected date of completion by October, 2011.

Jharsuguda airport is presently not fit for handling scheduled commercial flights. Development of this airport is subject to fulfilment of certain conditions like transfer of land from the State Government, availability of funds etc.

(b) Government has laid down route dispersal guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country including North-East region. It is, however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial judgment etc.