

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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NAOL AIRPORT OF IAF AT BIKANER  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether efforts have been made to tackle the technical hindrance in the progress of airport under construction at Naol airport of Indian Air Force at Bikaner in Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the time by which the said airport will be operational;
- (d) whether the airlines have been finalized for providing air service in Bikaner; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS & MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

- (a) & (b) There is no hindrance in the work of construction of the terminal building by Airports Authority of India (AAI) at Bikaner airport in Rajasthan, which belongs to Indian Air Force (IAF).
- (c) The construction work of terminal building is scheduled for completion by March, 2012.
- (d) & (e) 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 including airport at Bikaner depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. As such, airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of route dispersal guidelines issued by the Government.