

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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AIRPORT IN ASANSOL DURGAPUR REGION
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Bengal Aerotropolis Projects Limited (BAPL) is setting up 10,000 crore airport city project in the industrial belt of Asansol-Durgapur in West Bengal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any company has shown interest to operate the above mentioned proposed airport;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the places that will be connected by flight from this new airport; and
- (f) the time by which the airport will be operational alongwith the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS & MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) to (d): Government of India has granted "in-principle" approval to M/s Bengal Aerotropolis Project Ltd. (BAPL) for setting up of a greenfield airport at Andal-Faridpur blocks of Bardhaman District in West Bengal in December, 2008 for domestic operations.

(e): M/s BAPL has informed that they expect operations to start for different parts of country like Mumbai, Delhi, Chennai, Bangalore, Guwahati, Bagdogra, etc. from the proposed airport. However, Government of India has laid down Route Dispersal Guidelines (RDG) 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 up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability.

(f): The construction of the airport has already been started with completion date by 2012.