

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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FUNDS TO AAI FOR DEVELOPMENT OF AIRPORTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Airport Authority of India is facing shortage of funds for the development of airports, maintenance of aging and harmful airports and conversion of Biju Patnaik Airport into International Airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds demanded and granted for the above purposes during the last three years and the current year?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): No, Madam. However, Airports Authority of India (AAI) seeks funds from Government of India to develop airport infrastructure in North Eastern Region and other crucial areas for regional connectivity and in respect of unviable airports.

(c): AAI has not sought funds from the Government for development of Biju Patnaik airport at Bhubnaneshwar in Orissa during the last three years and current year. However, AAI has sought Budgetary Support and Grant in aid for airports in North Eastern Region and other crucial areas. The requisite information in respect of year, funds demand (RE)(in Rs.crores) and Amt. Recd (in Rs. crores) are as under:

(2008-09, 100.25, 100.25)

(2009-10, 99.15, 99.15)

(2010-11, 214.50, 145.05)

(2011-12, 158.65, 9.54) (upto October 2011)