

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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UPGRADATION OF AIRPORTS

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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to develop several airports in the country including Biju Patnaik Airport at Bhubaneswar and Khajuraho airport as an international airport and to start international flights from there;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the proposal is likely to be made operational,airport-wise;
- (c) whether the Government also proposes to set up an international airport near Raipur in Chhattisgarh and to operate flights of new aeroplanes for metropolitan cities from Swami Vivekananda Airport at Mana, Raipur; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard along with the time by which the said proposal is likely to be made operational?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

- (a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Work for construction of new terminals has been undertaken at Biju Patnaik Airport at Bhubaneswar in Orissa and Khajuraho airport in Madhya Pradesh with scheduled date of completion as October, 2012 and December, 2012 respectively.
- (c) & (d): Airports Authority of India (AAI) has taken up construction of a new Integrated Terminal Building at Raipur with a capacity to handle 500 domestic and 200 international passengers at a time, with schedule date of completion as August, 2012. It is up to the airlines operators to provide air services depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability.