

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6546
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AIRPORT AT ANDAL IN WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the airport at Andal in Bardhaman District in West Bengal is nearing completion;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the likely date of its operations;
- (c) whether at this stage the Ministry of Coal has raised its objections to the project, though cleared earlier;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the project would be completed at all in view of the objections raised by the coal Ministry; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a) & (b): Government of India has granted `in-principle` approval for setting up of a domestic greenfield airport at Andal in Barddhaman District in West Bengal in the year 2008 to M/s Bengal Aerotropolis Projects Limited (BAPL). M/s BAPL has informed that the construction works have already been started with scheduled completion date of September, 2012.

(c), (d), (e) & (f): As per available information, no objection/reservation to the ongoing work at the airport project have recently been received in this Ministry from Ministry of Coal.