

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:144  
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UPGRADATION OF AIRPORT IN VADODARA  
Rathwa Shri Ramsinhbhai Patalbhai

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

- (a) whether there is a proposal for upgradation of Vadodara Airport to international standard;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to start flights to South-East and Central parts of the country from Vadodara Airport; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. A new integrated passenger terminal building is proposed, which would cater to 500 domestic and 200 international passengers.

(c) & (d) The 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 to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. As such, the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of route dispersal guidelines issued by the Government.