

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:40  
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INTERNATIONAL STATUS TO VARANASI AIRPORT  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has granted international status to the Varanasi Airport;
- (b) if so, whether the modernization of the Varanasi Airport has been started; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the amount spent on its modernization so far?

**Answer**

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

(a) No, Sir.

(b)& (c) However, the construction of a new terminal building to cater for 500 domestic and 300 International passengers with all modern amenities like aerobridge etc., construction /expansion of Apron to accommodate wide bodied aircraft, and extension of Runway to 9000 ft. is in progress. The estimated cost of the project will be Rs.135 crores (approx.) and upto September 2009 an amount of Rs.95 crores has been spent.