

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:79
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KARGIL AIRPORT
Khan Shri Hassan

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the development of Kargil Airport has been undertaken by the Government;and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the current status thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) No, Sir. However, on the request of State Government, a team of Airports Authority of India visited Kargil Airport on 30.07.2009 to carry out a pre-feasibility study for taking up development works. Runway extension by 1500ft over the existing 6000ft and other associated works are planned in order to enable operation by ATR-72 type of aircraft. This is at an estimated cost of Rs.46.50 crores (approx.). The State Government has been requested to provide necessary funds.