

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3184
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OPERATION OF BIG AIRCRAFT FROM PATNA AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has kept off the operation of big aircraft from the Patna Airport;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the objections raised by the DGCA have since been addressed and cleared, and;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which operation of big aircraft would resume from the Patna Airport?;

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI K. C. VENUGOPAL)

(a) & (b) The Patna aerodrome has been identified as critical airport from flight operations point of view due to the presence of obstacles on runway approaches. However, the big aircrafts operate at Patna airport with load penalty and operational restrictions without compromising the safety of the aircraft operations.

(c) & (d) Yes, Madam. Majority of obstacles have already been cleared and action for removing/reducing the height of the remaining obstacles around Patna airport has been initiated by Airports Authority of India in coordination with the State Government.