

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2164  
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EXPANSION OF RUNWAY  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is considering the alternatives like shifting railway line or constructing runway over railway line in order to expand runway length of Patna Airport;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Patna Airport is included in the list of dangerous Airports for its short runway length:
- (d) if so, the details thereof;and
- (e) the steps likely to be taken by the Government for expansion of runway length of Patna Airport upto six thousand feet?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI K. C. VENUGOPAL)

- (a) No, Madam.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) & (d) No, Madam. However, Patna Airport has been identified as one of the critical airports due to the presence of obstacles in the vicinity of the airport.
- (e) The existing runway length at Patna Aerodrome is already more than 6000 feet.

However, full length of the runway is not usable for aircraft operations due to the presence of permanent obstacles in the approach path. Expansion of the runway at this airport is not possible due to non-availability of land on both sides.