

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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AIR INDIA FLIGHTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to develop the Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Narayan Airport, Patna and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the steps being taken with regard to improvement in the amenities of the passengers and the quality of catering service;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to introduce new flights to various destinations in both domestic and international sectors from Patna airport;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) : No, Madam.(b) : The following steps have been taken to improve the amenities of the passengers and quality of catering service:-

- (i) Security Hold Area has been expanded to accommodate 200 passengers.
- (ii) New ladies/gents Rest Rooms have been provided in the Security Hold Area.
- (iii) Space for snack bar facility has been provided in the Security Hold Area.
- (iv) Separate area for child care room has been provided.

(c), (d) & (e) : Flight operations in domestic sector have been deregulated and the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of Route Dispersal Guidelines issued by the Government. However, it is upto the airline operatorsto provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability.