

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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RAJKOT AIRPORT

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to develop and expand the runway of Rajkot airport in Gujarat;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the funds likely to be incurred for the purpose;
- (c) whether the land for the proposed project has been acquired;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor including the difficulties being faced in acquiring the land for the purpose;
and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) : The existing Airport at Rajkot is catering to ATR-72 type of aircraft operations. Further expansion of Rajkot Airport is constrained due to all round urbanization and presence of National Highway & Railway Line. Upgradation of the airport is not possible due to land not being available for extension of runway for operation of wide-bodied aircraft and to meet the `minimum 300m basic strip` requirement for licensing of the airport from DGCA.