

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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UPGRADATION OF RANCHI AND JAMESHPUR AIRPORTS  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes, to build a new airport between commercial hubs of Ranchi and Jamshedpur;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Ranchi airport has not been included in category C for upgradation of infrastructure and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to expand and upgrade the facilities of the existing airports at Ranchi and Jamshedpur?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) : No, Madam. At present, the Government does not propose to build a new airport between commercial hubs of Ranchi and Jamshedpur.

(c) & (d) : Birsa Munda Airport, Ranchi is suitable for Code C type of aircraft operations. A new Integrated Terminal Building was inaugurated in March 2013. This Terminal can handle 500 domestic and 200 international passengers at a time. The apron is suitable to accommodate 3 nos. A-320 and 1 no. ATR type of aircraft at a time. Airports Authority of India (AAI) is constructing a New Control Tower cum Technical Block at Ranchi Airport and the State Government has been requested for additional land for further development of the airport for wide-bodied aircraft operations.;

Jamshedpur Airport is a private airport belonging to Tata Steel (TISCO) and the upgradation/ expansion of this airport is done by TISCO.