

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1355
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MENT OF AIRPORTS IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received several requests/proposals from the State Government of Gujarat for development of International Airports in the State during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any action on these requests/proposals; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Dr Mahesh Sharma)

(a)&(b): Yes, Madam. Request has been received from the State Government of Gujarat for development of Surat and Vadodara Airports as International airports.

(c)&(d) : Surat Airport has already been developed to cater of A-320 type of aircraft operation and a new domestic terminal building suitable for 500 peak hour pax has already been built at Surat airport. Moreover, development/upgradation of airports is a continuous process and is undertaken by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) from time to time depending on traffic demand, socio-economic considerations, availability of land etc.