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Modernisation of Bhavnagar Airport
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the modernization work of Bhavnagar Airport in Gujarat has not been taken up till date and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to modernise the said airport in near future;
- (c) if so, the details and the present status thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has given permission for night landing facility at this airport; and
- (e) if so, the reasons for not implementing it at Bhavnagar Airport?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Dr Mahesh Sharma)

(a) : The existing infrastructure of Bhavnagar Airport is sufficient to handle the present and additional traffic demand. The terminal building of this airport is capable of handling 100 departing and 100 arriving peak hour passengers and the Apron has a capacity to hold two B-737 aircraft.

(b) & (c) : 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. However, AAI has prepared a Master Plan for upgradation of the airport including the runway extension, construction of new terminal building with associated apron and car park etc. and requested the State Government in 2007 for providing 490.36 acres of additional land free of cost and free from all encumbrances.

(d) & (e) : Yes, Madam. Night landing facility is available at Bhavnagar Airport. However, the airlines are free to plan their flight schedule on specific routes depending on traffic demand, commercial viability etc. and free to operate anywhere in India subject to compliance of Route Dispersal Guidelines.
