

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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SAHNEWAL AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the developmental works taken up at Sahnewal Airport in Ludhiana during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the said works have been completed and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the time by which said developmental works are likely to be completed and air services are likely to be started?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri G. M. Siddeshwara)

(a) & (b): Sahnewal Airport in Ludhiana is an operational airport and the Doppler Very High Frequency Omni-directional Range (DVOR) has been commissioned here on 15th November, 2012. The construction work of boundary wall and development of site around DVOR building has also been completed on 11th November, 2013. Airports Authority of India (AAI) has requested the State Government to acquire 275 acres of land and to handover the same to AAI free of cost and free from all encumbrances for extension of runway, construction of terminal building along with associated facilities at Ludhiana airport.

(c): Development/upgradation of airports is a continuous process and is undertaken by AAI from time to time depending on traffic demand, socio-economic considerations, availability of land etc. However, it is up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability.