

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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PORT BLAIR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT .  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the present status of operationalisation of the Veer Savarkar International Airport at Port Blair along with the steps taken to develop this Airport as International Stopover for International flights especially South-East Asia bound flights flying above Andaman & Nicobar Islands;
- (b) the time by which the said Project is likely to start international operations as well as the time by which the Air Traffic Control operations at this airport are likely to be made available round-the-clock; and
- (c) whether there is any proposal of Airport Authority of India for taking over the Air Traffic Control operations from the Defence to overcome the present time restrictions and if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) : Port Blair is an International Airport (Civil Enclave) and all facilities to handle international flights are available at this airport.
- (b) : The existing Terminal Building at Port Blair is saturated. It has been planned to construct a new Integrated Terminal Building for peak hour capacity of 1200 passengers and tender auction for the same is in process. Presently, the localizer, which is one of the component of Instrument Landing System is available and there is a plan to install Glide Path so as to complete Instrument Landing System. The airport is operated by Indian Navy and they have been requested to commence round the clock operation at this airport.
- (c) : No, Madam. There is no such proposal at present.