

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1514  
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TURA AIRPORT  
Sangma Shri Purno Agitok

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Tura Airport in Meghalaya has become operational;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the time by which the said airport is likely to be made operational?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) : Tura Airport belongs to the State Govt. of Meghalaya and is suitable for operation of 20 seater (Dornier-228) type of aircraft. Presently, there are no scheduled operations at Tura Airport, as no scheduled airline owns Dornier-228 type of aircraft.

(c) : Development/upgradation of airports is a continuous process and is undertaken by Airports Authority of India (AAI) from time to time depending on traffic demand, commercial viability, socio-economic considerations, availability of land etc. For the development of Tura airport, the Airports Authority of India (AAI) has projected to the State Govt. the requirement of additional land free of cost and free from all encumbrances. The State Govt. has proposed to hand over the airport to AAI and a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for this purpose has been forwarded to the State Govt.