

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to upgrade certain airports in the country including Jodhpur Airport to International Airports;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the names of the airports selected for this purpose;
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposals in this regard and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken thereon;
- (d) whether the Government has also received any proposal to increase the number of flights from Delhi and Mumbai to Jodhpur; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

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

(a), (b) & (c): Upgradation of an airport as International Airport depends upon various factors like traffic potential, demand from airlines for operation of international flights and presence of following facilities:

- (i) Runway length of 9000 feet to cater to medium capacity long-range aircraft or equivalent type of aircraft,
- (ii) Availability of Ground Lighting Facilities, Instrument Landing System, for operation of aircraft at night.
- (iii) Availability of Customs, Immigration, Health and Animal & Plant Quarantine services.

Jodhpur Airport belongs to Indian Air Force (IAF) and Airports Authority of India (AAI) maintains only a Civil Enclave. At present there is no proposal to upgrade Jodhpur Airport as an International Airport. Presently, the Government is considering the proposals to declare Bhopal, Indore and Raipur airports as International airports.

(d) & (e) : No, Madam. There is no such proposal at present.