

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:308

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INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of international airports located in various States/UTs of the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the average number of flights handled per day at these international airports;
- (c) whether the Government has recently upgraded certain domestic airports to international airports;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and the proposals received by the Government in this regard during the last three years and the current year along with the action taken thereon; and
- (e) the details of new international flights proposed to be operated from various airports of the country including Swami Vivekananda Airport in Chhattisgarh?

Answer

Minister of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri Ashok Gajapathi Raju Pusapati)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in reply to parts (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Starred () Question No,308 for 15,12,2014 regarding International Airports.

(a) & (b) : The details of International Airports in India and the average number of scheduled flights handled per day at these airports are at Annexure-I.

(c) : Yes, Madam. Bhubaneswar & Imphal Airports have been upgraded to International Airport in November, 2013.

(d) : The proposal for up-gradation of Bhopal & Indore airports in Madhya Pradesh and Raipur airport in Chhattisgarh to International Airports has been received. However, the Government has decided to promote the six metro airports at Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Bangalore and Hyderabad as international hubs to serve as the main access points for international travel to and from India, as this is essential for developing domestic civil aviation.

(e) : Commencement of new services on international routes is based on the commercial judgement of the carriers, availability of bilateral rights etc. Details of new flights by international airlines for Summer 2015 at AAI Airports are as under: