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Title: Need to take concrete steps for early up-gradation of Ahmedabad Airport in Gujarat.

SHRI HARIN PATHAK (AHMEDABAD): Ahmedabad is the State capital and an industrial city in Gujarat. Ahmedabad Airport has been upgraded as an International Airport and international flights have already commenced from Ahmedabad airport. The inauguration was also done by the then Union Civil Aviation Minister. According to the requirement of the International Airport Authority of India, additional land required for runway has been fully extending the runway. The runway strengthening/extension to 11500 ft. and other associated pavement work for enabling the operation of B-747 class of aircraft at this airport are at `tender action' stage.

I therefore urge upon the Government to start the work regarding upgradation of Ahmedabad Airport at the earliest and also please state at what stage the work stands at present.