

Linking of Kandla Port by Air

5316.COL. SONA RAM CHOUDHARY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have any plan to air link the Kandla Port with the rest of the country; and
(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. The airport at Kandla is capable of accepting only smaller capacity aircraft. The shortage of such aircraft does not at present permit Indian Airlines/Alliance Air to operate their services to this destination. Private operators having smaller aircraft are being encouraged to include new stations such as Kandla in their network, subject to viability.

Development of Civil Aviation in Gujarat

5317.SHRI GORDHANBHAI JADAVBHAI JAVIYA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the projects approved for the development of Civil Aviation in Gujarat during the Ninth Five Year Plan;
(b) the details of the projects on which work has since been started and whether the progress is as per the schedule; and
(c) if not, the steps taken or proposed to be taken for the timely completion of all these projects?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) (a) to (c) Details of the projects being taken up during the 9th Five Year Plan for development of airports in Gujarat, with the status of each project is given in the attached statement.

S. No.	Name of the Airport	Details of the Projects being undertaken during 9th Five Year Plan	Progress of Work	Whether as per schedule
1.	Ahmedabad	i) Extension of runway from 9000' for operation of B-747 class of aircraft ii) Extension of apron to 550 x 200mts. iii) Strengthening of existing runway/ taxiway iv) Extension of Car Park Area v) Extension of Domestic Terminal Complex vi) New VHF Transmitter & Receiver vii) HF Receivers viii) UHF Link	Tender action in hand The work is scheduled to commence from October, 1998. It will take 30 months to complete from the date of commencement. Preliminary architectural drawing are being prepared. Supply completed Procurement in Progress Purchase Order placed.	As per schedule As per schedule
2.	Bhuj Civil Enclave	New Terminal Building	IAF have been requested for issue of NOC for construction of Taxiway and Terminal Building. p3836X	Not as per schedule because of delay in issue of NOC by IAF
3.	Rajkot	Strengthening/resurfacing of runway, apron, taxiway, etc. HF Receiver/Airport Speech Recorder	Work scheduled to commence in Aug, 1998. Procurement in progress.	As per schedule
4.	Porbandar	New Terminal Building with Technical Block apron and Taxiway; Extension of runway to 7500 feet and land acquisition. HF Receiver/Airport Speech Recorder	Detailed Engineering work is in progress; Acquisition of land pending with State Government Procurement in progress.	As per schedule
5.	Vadodara	Construction of new terminal block cum Control tower; Construction of new apron and link taxi track HR Receiver/Airport Speech Recorder	Detailed engineering work is in progress. Work completed Procurement in progress.	As per schedule
6.	Surat	Airport Speech Recorder	Procurement in progress.	As per schedule
7.	Bhavnagar	HF Receiver/ Airport Speech Recorder	Procurement in progress.	As per schedule