

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. : 145
(To be answered on the 1st August 2024)**

CONSTRUCTION OF AIRPORT AT KARGIL

***145. SHRI MOHMAD HANEEFA**

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether it is true that the Government has conducted a survey regarding the construction of a civil airport at Kargil;
- (b) if so, the status thereof along with the action taken thereon;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to consider construction of the said airport at Kargil any time soon; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be constructed?

ANSWER

Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

(Shri Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) IN RESPECT OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 145 FOR REPLY ON 01.08.2024 REGARDING "CONSTRUCTION OF AIRPORT AT KARGIL" ASKED BY SHRI MOHMAD HANEEFA

(a) to (d): Yes, a multi-disciplinary team from Airports Authority of India (AAI), Indian Air Force and Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) had visited sites at Wakha Kargil, Turtuk, Diskit, Nyoma and Padum/Zaskar, in the year 2021 for examining feasibility of these sites for construction of airports in UT of Ladakh. However, none of the sites were found suitable for airport construction.

In addition, on the request of UT Administration of Ladakh, AAI engaged International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) to explore the feasibility of operating Boeing 737 and Airbus 320 aircrafts at the Kargil Airport. ICAO's study observed that operation of such aircrafts is not feasible in the existing airstrip.
