

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 3403

ANSWERED ON – 08/08/2025

RESTARTING OF LALMONIRHAT AIRBASE IN BANGLADESH

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Bangladesh has authorised China to restart operations at its Lalmonirhat Airbase, if so, whether any security concerns are likely to arise for our country as India shares its border with Bangladesh; and**
- (b) whether the Government has lodged its objections with Bangladesh in this regard, if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a) & (b) The Government of India has noted reports concerning the Lalmonirhat airbase in Bangladesh. It has also noted a press briefing on 26 May 2025 by the Director of Military Operations of Bangladesh Army, in which it has been stated that there are no plans at present for the Lalmonirhat airfield to be used for military purposes. The Government of India continues to monitor all developments having a bearing on national security and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it.
