

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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AIRPORT IN BHATINDA  
BHAN SINGH BHAURA

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a large number of passengers from Bhatinda in Punjab are unable to avail the facility of air journey due to the lack of civil airport at Bhatinda though infrastructural facilities are available;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has undertaken any survey to ascertain the viability of opening a civil airport at Bhatinda; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION ( SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY )

- (a) Bhatinda Air Force Station belongs to Ministry of Defence. Due to lack of demand from airlines to operate through Bhatinda, a Civil Enclave has not been established.
- (b) & (c) Do not arise.