

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1262
ANSWERED ON:31.07.2000
INTERNATIONAL STATUS TO BHUBANESHWAR AIRPORT
BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB;PRABHAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Airlines has not undertaken any flight to Orissa after the airport has been named as Biju Patnaik Airport;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to develop Bhubaneswar airport to international standard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the funds earmarked for the upgradation of Bhubaneswar airport for the Ninth Plan Period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) and (d): Airports Authority of India (AAI) has commissioned a new Terminal Building with all modern passenger facilities to cater to 500 passengers at a time at a cost of Rs.17.77 crores. AAI has also taken up the work of extension of runway from 7360 ft. to 9000 ft. at an estimated cost of Rs.12.62 crores. The work is likely to be completed by December, 2001 subject to the diversion of road by the State Government. On completion of work, the airport will be suitable for A-300 class of wide bodied aircraft operation and also capable of handling limited international flights.

(e): A provision of Rs.27.46 crores has been provided in the 9th Plan.