

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4400  
ANSWERED ON:22.12.2005  
WIDENING OF BILASPUR AIRSTRIPS  
Mohale Shri Punnulal

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

- (a) whether there is a proposal to increase air services from Raipur and Bilaspur;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to widen Bilaspur airstrip or construct a new airstrip;
- (d) if so, the details alongwith the time by which construction work is likely to be started; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION ( SHRI PRAFUL PATEL )

(a) and (b):- No, Sir. However, Government has laid down Route Dispersal Guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country. Subject to these guidelines, airlines are free to provide air services to any place depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability.

(c),(d) and (e):- There is no proposal to upgrade the existing airstrip or construct new airstrip at Bilaspur at present as there is no firm demand from any scheduled airline.