

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4162  
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ESTABLISHMENT OF AIRPORT AT KOKRAJHAR  
Bwiswmuthiary Shri Sansuma Khunggur

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to establish an Airport at Kokrajhar and also to revive the erstwhile abandoned Rupsi Airport;
- (b) if so, the steps taken in this regard so far; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a), (b) & (c) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has made an inspection of Kokrajhar area to identify a suitable site for construction of Civil airport in 2002, which was not approved by Ministry of Environment and Forests. Finalization of alternate site is subject to identification of site by Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC).

There is no firm commitment from any airlines to operate from Rupsi airport. Operationalization of Rupsi airport is subject to firm commitment from airlines operator to/ from this airport and availability of funds.