

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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KARIPUR AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has accorded the national status to Karipur Airport in Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details of facilities proposed to be provided at this airport;
- (c) whether considering the heavy traffic from the Gulf countries, the Government would consider to introduce more flights to Karipur Airport; and
- (d) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) The airport at Calicut (Karipur) has already been given status of international airport.
- (b) Expansion and modification of international and domestic terminal buildings works are in progress at an estimated cost of Rs. 89 crores and likely to be completed during 2006-07.
- (c) & (d) 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. It is, however, upto the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. As such, the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of route dispersal guidelines issued by the Government.