

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3398  
ANSWERED ON:20.08.2004  
EXPANSION OF PORT BLAIR AIRPORT  
Bhakta Shri Manoranjan

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that Port Blair Airport was expanded for allowing aircrafts with the bigger seating capacity to land and take off;
- (b) if so, the number of such aircrafts that have landed at Port Blair Airport; and
- (c) if not, the reasons for not allowing such aircrafts to Port Blair?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Port Blair Airport has been upgraded for the operation of Airbus 320 type of aircraft and M/s. Indian Airlines has commenced operation by AB 320 aircraft since March, 2004 and is operating one flight daily by AB 320 aircraft to Port Blair Airport.

(c) Does not arise.