

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2326  
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EXPANSION OF HUBLI AIRPORT  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the length and breadth of runway at Hubli Airport is too narrow to cater the operation of ATR 72 type of aircraft;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to expand the Hubli Airport;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocate/released for the purpose; and
- (d) the time by which the said work is likely to be completed?

**Answer**

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

(a), (b) and (c) No, Sir. The length and breadth of runway at Hubli Airport are sufficient for operation of ATR-72 type of aircraft. However, the strength of the runway is not adequate for full load operations. Hence, Airports Authority of India (AAI) has taken up strengthening of runway and allied works for operation of ATR-72 type of aircraft without load restrictions at a cost of Rs.11.14 crores.

(d) The work is likely to be completed by December, 2006.