

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2381  
ANSWERED ON:17.08.2006  
CONSTRUCTION OF AIRPORTS IN LAKSHADWEEP  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is any proposal to upgrade and enlarge the Airport at Agatti Island, Lakshadweep;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is also any proposal to set up new Airports in the remote islands of Minicoy, Kalpeni and Kadmat Island of Lakshadweep;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. There is a proposal to upgrade Agatti airport for operation of ATR 72 type of aircraft with the support of Administration of Lakshadweep.
- (c), (d) & (e) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has no proposal to construct new airports at these Islands.