

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS FROM JABALPUR
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government is considering to develop Jabalpur as metro aviation centre ;
- (b) If so, the details thereof ;
- (c) Whether the Government proposes to allow more number of flights both domestic and international to operate in Jabalpur to cater the needs of nearby areas ;
- (d) If so, the details thereof; and
- (e) The steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) No, Sir. There is no proposal to develop Jabalpur airport as metro aviation centre. However, Airports Authority of India (AAI) has undertaken the following development works at Jabalpur airport -extension and strengthening of runway from 1372m to 1982m for operation of B-737 type of aircraft, construction of new Terminal Building to cater for 200 passengers at a time, installation of Doppler Very High Frequency Omni Range (DVOR), Distance Measuring Approach Path and installation of Indicator (DME) and Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) at both ends of runway.

(c),(d) & (e) Government has laid down route dispersal guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need of different regions of the country including Jabalpur. It is, however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand, commercial viability and availability of aircrafts.