

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1296  
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MODERNISATION OF PORT BLAIR AIRPORT  
Bhakta Shri Manoranjan

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to develop and modernise Port Blair Airport as an International Airport; and
- (b) if so, the details and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Airports Authority of India (AAI) maintains a civil enclave at Port Blair airport which belongs to Indian Navy. This airport is being developed for limited international operations. Instrument Landing System (ILS) without Glide path has been installed at runway 22. The present Terminal Building has a capacity to cater to 200 arriving and 200 departing passengers. There is a plan for expansion of apron to accommodate 1 number AB 310 and 5 number B- 737-900 type of aircraft.