

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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AVIATION FACILITIES AT GUWAHATI AND IMPHAL AIRPORTS  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the International Flight between Guwahati and Bangkok has been discontinued from operation;
- (b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to continue the said flight;
- (d) whether there was a proposal to upgrade the Imphal Airport to an International standard;
- (e) if so, the present position pertaining to that proposal;and
- (f) the time by which the said airport is proposed to be upgraded as an international airport?

**Answer**

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

(a),(b) and (c): Air India which commenced twice weekly operations between Guwahati and Bangkok in April, 2002, discontinued the same in Winter, 2003 due to poor load and cash costs. However, Indian Airlines is presently operating a weekly flight between Guwahati and Bangkok.

(d): No, Sir.

(e) and (f): Do not arise.