

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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SURAT AIRPORT

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

- (a) whether an International Airport is being developed at Surat;
- (b) if so, the progress made so far;
- (c) the time by which it is likely to become functional;
- (d) whether there is any plan to increase the number of flights from Surat airport to important places; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a), (b) & (c) No, Madam. However, Surat airport has been upgraded to accommodate A-321 type of aircraft and is functional for domestic operations. These upgradation works include extension of runway from 1525 meters to 2250 meters, installation of Instrument Landing System (ILS), construction of new terminal building and new apron (to accommodate four A-321 type of aircraft).

(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 for air transport services of different regions of the country including North-East region. It is, however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. At present, Alliance Air operates from this airport.