

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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MUZAFFARPUR AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal for renovation of Muzaffarpur airport;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is also a proposal to start air services from Muzaffarpur to Patna, Delhi etc.; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a), (b), (c) & (d) Muzaffarpur airport is a non-operational airport belonging to Airports Authority of India (AAI) which has been selected by AAI for taking up the feasibility study through the Consultant M/s. RITES, revival of the airport to facilitate commercial operations. M/s. RITES in their reports have indicated that there is not much scope/ potential for development of this airport. In addition, no airline operator has shown its commitment/ interest to operate to/ from this airport. Therefore, AAI has no plan to develop this airport at present. However, the nearest operational airport from Muzaffarpur is Patna airport which is at a distance of 63 kms. by road.