

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to extend the length of Kullu airport runway to enable landing of bigger aircraft;
- (b) if so, the details and the present status thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the runway extension work is likely to start and be completed?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri Siddeshwara)

(a) : Yes, Madam. ;

(b) : The State Government has appointed a consultant for carrying out a comprehensive River Engineering Study for diversion of river Beas for extension of runway of Kullu airport by 550 meters to make total length 1700 meters to cater for operation of ATR-72 type of aircraft. The consultant has submitted the final report and the State Government has to take up works of river training and river diversion after Rehabilitation & Resettlement (R&R) and to make land available to the Airports Authority of India (AAI). ;

(c) : The commencement of runway extension work of Kullu airport by AAI depends on the handing over of the required land free of cost and free from all encumbrances by the State Government.;