

Expansion of Patna airport

†1562. SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that keeping in view the security of passengers, expansion of Patna airport is needed; and

(b) if so, the action to be taken by Government in this regard and by when action would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Jayaprakash Narayan International Airport, Patna has operational limitations because of land constraints. However, Airports Authority of India is planning to construct a new Integrated Terminal Building to segregate domestic and international passengers and for expeditious handling of passengers and better comfort.

Upgradation of airports in the Country

1563. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received several requests from various State Governments especially the Uttar Pradesh for upgradation of their airports, State/UT-wise;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the requests cleared by the Union Government so far along with the funds allocated for the purpose, airport-wise;

(d) the present status of various ongoing projects and reasons for not achieving the physical and financial targets; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to expedite the work in a fixed time-frame, airport-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) to (d) The representations and requests for upgradation of airports from the State Governments are received from time to time. These requests along with traffic demands are taken into consideration for development of airports. The present status of various projects undertaken by Airports Authority of India (AAI) is given in the Statement (*See below*).

(e) All projects are regularly monitored by the Project Monitoring and Quality Assurance (PM & QA) Department of AAI. They ensure regular monitoring and quality assurance at site through periodic site inspection visits and by holding review and coordination meetings to remove hindrances.

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