

Mumbai. According to this proposal part of the runway will continue to be available for helicopter operations;,

(c) As per Inner Horizontal Surface (IHS) Study Report, runway 16/34 at Juhu airport cannot be used for operation in any combination with reference to Mumbai airport.

(d) and (e) Information is being collected.

Safety of Patna airport for big aircrafts

1865. SHRI N.K. SINGH Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has concluded that the Patna airport is unsafe for operation of big aircrafts;

(b) whether the runway of the Patna airport is of an inadequate length;

(c) whether there are obstacles on either sides of the runway, making it unsafe for flights; and

(d) the details of measures being undertaken to remedy the situation and make the Patna airport safe for passengers and aircrafts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL): (a) and (c) The Patna aerodrome has been identified as critical airport from flight operations point of view due to the presence of obstacles on runway approaches. However, the big aircrafts operate at Patna airport with load penalty and operational restrictions without compromising the safety of aircraft operations.

(b) No, Sir.

(d) Action for removing/reducing the height of obstacles around Patna airport has already been initiated by Airports Authority of India in coordination with the State Government.

Funds given and spent in Assam

1866. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated and spent in Assam by the Ministry and its various organizations during the last three years and the current year, so far;