

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON
DEVELOPMENT OF RAJKOT AIRPORT .

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Will the Minister of COALHEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :-
the steps has been taken by his Ministry for development of Rajkot airport and for inter connectivity of this airport with various parts of our country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

Rajkot airport is an operational airport suitable for B 737 type of aircraft, having runway length of 1845 m. This airport is equipped with Doppler Very Omni Range (DVOR), Instrument Landing System (ILS)/ Distance Measuring Equipment (DME) on runway 23 as Navigational Aids and ground lighting facilities. The plan of Airports Authority of India (AAI) for upgradation of Rajkot airport, including runway extension upto 2286 m and construction of new terminal building, envisaged the acquisition of additional 21 hectares, including 14.7 hectares of Indian Railways land and 6 hectares of State Government land for the diversion of Rajkot- Jamnagar State Highway. The State Government of Gujarat has expressed its inability to divert the State highway and efforts to get land from railways have also not materialized.

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, National Aviation Company of India Limited (NACIL) and Jet Airways provide air services to/ from Rajkot airport.