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Will the Minister of COAL HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :-

- (a) the new airport project proposals for Orissa;
- (b) the number of air-strips operating in the State;
- (c) whether any survey has been conducted by his Ministry to upgrade the air-strips to make airports; and
- (d) whether any proposal to make the airport of Rangailunda, near Berhampur in Ganjam district with upgrading the air-strip, presently being operated?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a): A feasibility study has been carried out by Airports Authority of India (AAI) for Jharsuguda airport. In accordance with the Feasibility Report, AAI has a plan for development of Jharsuguda airport, initially, for ATR type of aircraft operations subject to signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between AAI and the State Government of Orissa and handing over of required land to AAI by the State Government of Orissa. In addition, AAI has also decided for development and upgradation of Biju Patnaik Airport at Bhubaneswar to international standards.

(b): There are 22 airstrips in the State of Orissa. However, only one airport of AAI namely Bhubaneswar airport is operational in the State.

(c): AAI have not conducted any survey so far to upgrade any airstrip in the State of Orissa.

(d): There is an airstrip at Rangailunda, near Berhanpur belonging to the State Government. At present, AAI have no plan to develop this airport.