

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON
KANGRA AIRPORT IN HIMACHAL PRADESH .

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that the Kangra airport in Himachal Pradesh has been totally ignored as it has been provided neither a Met office nor central line alignment localizer and angle line facilities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government would consider to set up a Met office and provide central alignment localizer and angle line facilities at Kangra airport;
- (d) if so, by when Kangra airport will have these facilities; and
- (e) how it is made possible to grant or deny permission to flights for landing in inclement weather in the absence of Met office?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a): No, Sir. There is no Met office nor central line alignment localizer and angle line facilities at Kangra airport.

(b), (c) & (d): Being a Visual Flight Rule (VFR) airport, Kangra airport does not need the facility of Instrument Landing System (ILS). However, AAI has provided Navigational Aids like Non-Directional Beacons and Visual High Frequency (VHF) Communication facility. Indian Meteorological Department has taken action to open an Airport Meteorological Station at Kangra airport from 01.03.2010 to provide meteorological information using mobile instruments. Permanent Airport Meteorological Instruments for measuring Wind Speed, Wind Direction, Air Temperature, Humidity and Atmospheric Pressure will be installed by end of May 2010.

(e): Operational control of aircraft lies with Pilot-in-Command. When requested by Pilot-in-Command, ATC Officer provides tower observation regarding observed weather conditions.