

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 1302
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19th December 2022)

UPGRADATION OF THE KESHOD AIRPORT

1302. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether Government has any plans to promote and upgrade the Keshod airport to attract more tourists;
- (b) whether Government mulls increasing the runway to facilitate operations of jets and Boeing kind of bigger aircrafts;
- (c) whether Government feels the need to expand/build a new terminal building for Keshod airport;
- (d) whether it is possible to position the Keshod Airport in Government advertisements as the closest from the world famous Gir Forest known as the only abode of Asiatic lions and the historic Somnath temple; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

- (a) and (b): Keshod airport is operational for scheduled flights. It has runway of dimensions 1372 x 45 m and is licensed and functional for Visual Flight Rules (VFR) operations of ATR-72 type of aircraft. Airports Authority of India has projected a land requirement of 205 acre to the State Government of Gujarat for extension of existing runway and for increasing the width of existing runway strip from 150m to 280m. The land is yet to be handed over by State Government.
- (c): At present, there is no such proposal to expand the existing/build a new terminal building at Keshod airport.
- (d) & (e): No such proposal is presently under consideration in the Ministry of Civil Aviation.
