

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 511
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 12th December 2022)

KESHOD AIRPORT

511. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI

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

- (a) the details by when Keshod airport will be fully functional and operational;
- (b) whether the runway at Keshod airport has sufficient length and strength to handle larger aircrafts, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that Government mulls to increase the length of runway at Keshod airport by another 300 metres, if so, by when and the details thereof; and
- (d) by when Keshod airport will have full time ATC in place, rather than a makeshift ATC shared/ deployed from Rajkot when needed and the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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

- (a) & (b) : Keshod airport is already 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.
- (c) : Yes, Sir. Ministry of Civil Aviation has requested the State Government of Gujarat for giving additional 205 acres of land to Airports Authority of India (AAI) for extension of existing runway and for increasing the existing runway strip from 150m to 280m. The land is yet to be handed over by State Government.
- (d) : Two ATCOs are posted at Keshod Airport to cater to the existing scheduled aircraft operations.
