

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO : 343
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3rd April 2023)**

**UPGRADATION OF BIR TIKENDRAJIT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT,
IMPHAL**

*343. SHRI MAHARAJA SANAJAOBA LEISHEMBA

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

- (a) the work progress of Bir Tikendrajit International Airport at Imphal for upgradation to a full fledged International Airport;
- (b) the time line to complete the same, if any; and
- (c) whether Government will consider introducing an additional night flight regularly from Delhi to Imphal as this will help frequent flyers and outstation passengers including students travelling from Delhi to Imphal?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(a) & (b): Airports Authority of India has undertaken the work of construction of New Integrated Terminal Building, International cargo terminal, Control Tower cum Technical Block, Apron, Link Taxiway and Associated works at Bir Tikendrajit International Airport, Imphal with the Projected date of completion as January, 2025.

(c): With the repeal of Air Corporation Act in March 1994, the Indian domestic aviation was totally deregulated. Airlines are free to induct capacity with any aircraft type, free to select whatever markets and network they wish to service and operate with the compliance of Route Dispersal Guidelines (RDGs) issued by Government. Hence, it is up to the airline operator for introduction of air services to / from any airport in country depending on their operational & commercial viabilities. Ministry of Civil Aviation regularly interacts with the airlines to promote air connectivity.
