

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 653**  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024)

**RENOVATION OF AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING AT BHAVNAGAR**

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

- (a) by when the very old terminal building of the Bhavnagar airport in Gujarat will be renovated; and
- (b) the plan to extend the runway of Bhavnagar airport and the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a): The upgradation or expansion of airport infrastructure is a continuous process undertaken by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) and other airport operators. These projects are initiated based on factors such as land availability, commercial viability, socio-economic considerations, traffic demand, and the willingness of airlines to operate from such airports. The existing terminal building at Bhavnagar Airport is capable of handling 150 passengers during peak hours, which is sufficient to meet the current demand.

(b): AAI had considered the possibility of extending the runway length at Bhavnagar Airport from the existing 1920m to 2500m for the operation of Airbus-320 type of aircraft. However, due to an existing electrified railway line passing at about 1.3 km away from Runway-25 end, the proposal for expansion of the runway is not feasible.

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