

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. : 156
(To be answered on the 1st August 2024)**

EXPANSION OF DURGAPUR AIRPORT

***156. SHRI SAUMITRA KHAN**

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

(a) whether the Government proposes any roadmap for the expansion of Durgapur Kazi Nazrul Islam Airport; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

(Shri Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu)

(a) & (b): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) & (B) IN RESPECT OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 156 FOR REPLY ON 01.08.2024 REGARDING "EXPANSION OF DURGAPUR AIRPORT" ASKED BY SHRI SAUMITRA KHAN.

(a) & (b): Government of India had granted 'In-Principle' approval to a private company, namely Bengal Aerotropolis Projects Limited (BAPL) for setting up of Greenfield Airport in Durgapur, West Bengal. The airport was operationalized in May, 2015. The upgradation of infrastructure/ facilities at airports, including Durgapur Airport, is a continuous process, which is undertaken by the airport operator concerned (in this case- BAPL) depending upon commercial viability, traffic demand, availability of land, operational requirements etc.

At present, the Passenger Handling Capacity of Durgapur Airport is 1.2 Million Passenger Per Annum (MPPA), whereas the airport has handled only 0.5 Million Passengers in the year 2023 due to less traffic demand. As such the Airport is having sufficient capacity to handle the existing passenger traffic and may not require immediate need for expansion.
