

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2426  
(To be answered on the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025)**

**EXPANSION OF KAZI NAZRUL ISLAM AIRPORT**

**2426. SHRI AZAD KIRTI JHA**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the increasing passenger and cargo traffic demands at Kazi Nazrul Islam Airport in Durgapur-Andal, West Bengal having its strategic importance as a gateway to South Bengal and parts of Jharkhand and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal for the expansion of the said airport to enhance its capacity and infrastructure, including the terminal building, runway and other facilities; and
- (c) if so, the details of the proposed expansion plan, including timelines fixed and allocation of the budget thereof?

**ANSWER**

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री**

**(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)**

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(a) to (c): 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.

Presently at Durgapur Airport, Passenger Handling Capacity is 1.2 Million Passenger Per Annum (MPPA) & Cargo Handling Capacity is 14500 Metric Ton (MT), whereas the airport has handled approx. 0.5 Million Passengers & approx. 500 Metric Ton (MT) of cargo in the FY 2023-24 due to less traffic & less cargo demand. As such the Airport is having sufficient capacity to handle the existing passenger & cargo traffic and may not require immediate need for expansion.

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