

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO. : 100

(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 5th February 2026)

PROPOSAL FOR UPGRADATION OF CHHARRA AIRFIELD

100. SHRI JYOTIRMAY SINGH MAHATO

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the State Government of West Bengal has submitted any proposal for upgrading the World War II-era Chharra Airfield in Purulia district into a commercial airport and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) if not, whether the absence of such a proposal has delayed further action in this regard;
- (c) whether any feasibility study, technical assessment or Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been carried out for the said airfield and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether lack of requisite inputs or approvals from the State Government has adversely affected its progress and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Airports Authority of India (AAI) is involved in the planning process and its role is presently constrained due to decisions pending from the State Government and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether any proposal has been received from the State Government of West Bengal in this regard, if so, the current status thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (F) IN RESPECT OF
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REGARDING "PROPOSAL FOR UPGRADATION OF CHHARRA AIRFIELD" BY
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(a) to (f): On the request of the State Government of West Bengal, Airports Authority of India (AAI) carried out a Pre-feasibility study in 2023 for development and upgradation of existing airfield at Chharra and submitted the report to the State Government. No proposal for the development of this airstrip has so far been received from the Government of West Bengal.