

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1050**  
( TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 5th February 2026 )

**EXPANSION OF GORAKHPUR AIRPORT**

1050. SHRI RAVINDRA SHUKLA ALIAS RAVI KISHAN

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) the details of the number of domestic flights operated, passenger movement and cargo handled at Gorakhpur Airport during the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) whether any project has been approved or proposed for the expansion/modernisation including terminal capacity, runway, apron, night landing, Instrument Landing System, etc., at Gorakhpur Airport and if so, the details thereof including cost and the timeline fixed for the said project;
- (c) whether any discussions/proposals are under consideration with airlines to introduce new domestic or inter-State flights from Gorakhpur, particularly to Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Kolkata, Ahmedabad and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether complaints regarding flight delays, cancellations and excessive fare increases have been received in respect of Gorakhpur Airport and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to safeguard passenger convenience and protection?

**ANSWER**

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a): The details regarding Passenger ( in numbers) and Cargo (in tonnes) carried by Scheduled Indian operators for Scheduled Domestic Operations from Gorakhpur from Financial year 2022-2023 to Financial year 2025-2026 (Provisional upto November 2025) is placed at Annexure-I. The details of Aircraft movements at Gorakhpur Airport during the last three years is attached at Annexure-II.

(b): The construction of New Terminal Building of Gorakhpur Airport is proposed. The State Government has already acquired 42.14 acres of land from the Indian Air Force.

(c): As per the ongoing Winter Schedule 2025 for domestic operations, scheduled airlines have proposed to operate flights to and from Gorakhpur Airport connecting major cities, namely Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Mumbai, Kolkata, Delhi, and Hyderabad.

Further, with the repeal of Air Corporations Act in March 1994, the Indian domestic aviation has been deregulated. It is therefore up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability subject to

compliance with the extant guidelines in this regard. Airlines plan their domestic flight schedules on a specific route/city based on market demand, commercial feasibility and their company policy.

(d): Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) does not maintain airport wise data related to flight delay /cancellations and excessive fare. However, Government takes cognisance of passenger complaints regarding flight delays, last-minute cancellations, poor communication, and grievance redressal. DGCA has issued Civil Aviation Requirement (CAR) Section 3, Series M, Part IV titled on 'Facilities to be provided to passengers by airlines due to denied boarding, cancellation of flights and delays in flights to protect the interests of passengers.

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**Annexure-I****Details of Number of Passengers (in numbers) and Cargo (in tonnes) carried to and from Gorakhpur from F.Y. 2022-23 to 2025-26**

<b>Passengers (in numbers) and Cargo (in tonnes) carried to and from Gorakhpur from F.Y. 2022-23 to 2025-26</b>						
<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Passengers to Gorakhpur</b>	<b>Passengers from Gorakhpur</b>	<b>Total Passengers</b>	<b>Cargo to Gorakhpur</b>	<b>Cargo from Gorakhpur</b>	<b>Total Cargo</b>
2022-23	3,67,760	3,60,139	7,27,899	559.2	47.6	606.8
2023-24	3,55,457	3,37,813	6,93,270	716.4	4.0	720.4
2024-25	4,47,680	4,30,212	8,77,892	1,312.2	710.8	2,023.0
2025-26 (Provisional upto December 2025)	4,41,987	4,22,518	8,64,505	1,359.6	850.5	2,210.1

**Annexure-II****Details of Aircraft Movements at Gorakhpur Airport during the last three years**

<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b>Arrival</b>	<b>Departure</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>2023</b>	2938	2938	<b>5876</b>
<b>2024</b>	2598	2598	<b>5196</b>
<b>2025</b>	3543	3543	<b>7086</b>