

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2262
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 12th February 2026)

CAT LIGHTING SYSTEM AT GAYA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the process of acquiring approximately 18 acres of land to install a CAT approach lighting system at Gaya International Airport in Bihar is underway and if so, the current status thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is aware that the acquisition of over 100 acres of land required for runway extension at Gaya Airport has been pending for several years and that due to some cases pending in courts, the runway length remains 2,286 meters and width 45 meters and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is true that operation of wide-body aircraft and international flights is not possible due to the existing runway dimensions and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government has approved/proposed any time-bound project to extend the runway by at least 500 meters, widen it and construct apron and additional taxiways at Gaya Airport and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): The Airports Authority of India (AAI) has requested 17.62 acres of land from the State Government of Bihar for installation of a CAT-I approach lighting system at Gaya Airport. The land has not yet been handed over to AAI by the State Government.

(b): For extension of the runway at Gaya Airport, AAI has requested 64.11 acres of land from the State Government of Bihar. The required land has not yet been handed over.

(c): Gaya Airport has been licensed under Aerodrome Category 4C for public use and all-weather operations, with Airbus A321. Operation of wide-body aircraft is not feasible with the existing runway dimensions of 2286m x 45m. However, international flights to Bhutan, Myanmar and Thailand are presently operational at the airport.

(d): Extension of the runway is contingent upon handing over of the requisite land by the State Government. At the airport, the apron was expanded in the year 2022 through construction of two additional bays for A321 type aircraft, thereby increasing the total number of bays to five. A new link taxiway was also constructed during the same year.
