

International airport at Ayodhya

976. DR. ANIL AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal with the Ministry to construct/start an international airport at Ayodhya (Uttar Pradesh) for pilgrims from around the world to visit the holy site and offer prayers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI): (a) and (b) State Government has initiated discussions with Government of India for development of Airport at Ayodhya. At present, Airports Authority of India (AAI) is in receipt of a proposal from State Government of Uttar Pradesh (GoUP) indicating that the State Government will develop the existing airstrip through State Construction and Designed Services (UP Jal Board) under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)-UDAN.

'DigiYatra' scheme

977. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has initiated the rollout of the DigiYatra scheme recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the main aims and objectives of this scheme; and

(c) whether this scheme will enable the air travellers for seamless travel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI): (a) to (c) DigiYatra is an initiative of the Ministry of Civil Aviation for providing seamless and hassle-free passenger experience at Indian airports, without the need for verification of ticket and ID at multiple touch points. Passengers are to enroll themselves in this programme for a seamless travel experience. Identification and validation of his/her ticket is to be done by a biometric system. Option of manual procedure is also envisaged in this programme. DigiYatra aims to simplify the passenger processes at various check points in the airport right from the terminal entry gate, check-in/bag drop, security check and boarding gates.