

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO. : 253

(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11th August 2021)

EXPANSION OF KANGRA AIRPORT

253. MS. INDU BALA GOSWAMI

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to expand the Kangra airport at Gaggal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Finance Commission has given recommendation to Central Government for airport expansion, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia)

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

Statement in reply to parts (a) to (c) of the Rajya Sabha Starred (*) Question No. 253 for answer on 11.08.2021 regarding 'Expansion of Kangra airport'.

(a) & (b): In November, 2019, the State Government of Himachal Pradesh had requested Airports Authority of India (AAI) for extension of runway at Kangra airport by 1638 meter. AAI projected the land requirement for extension of runway to the State Government. However, the State Government requested AAI to conduct the Obstacle Limitation Surface (OLS) Survey at the airport site before initiating the land acquisition process. AAI has shared OLS charts with State Government for their acceptance.

(c): Yes, Sir. The XV Finance Commission, vide its report for the year 2021-26 (Volume - IV The States) has recommended expansion of airports like Gaggal to improve air connectivity in the Himachal Pradesh.