

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 809  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021)**

**EXPANSION PLAN OF BIHTA AND PATNA AIRPORTS**

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:-

- (a) the cost of expansion plan of Patna and Bihta airports;
- (b) the works to be undertaken in said expansion;
- (c) the current status of physical progress and expenditure made so far;
- (d) current capacity of both the airports and the capacity likely to be after expansion;
- (e) the area of land required for the expansion of both the airports and status of availability of land; and
- (f) time frame of the expansion work of Patna and Bihta airports and by when this work would be completed?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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(a) to (c): Administrative Approval and Expenditure Sanction (AA&ES) of Rs. 1216.90 crore has been accorded to Airports Authority of India (AAI) for development of Patna Airport, which includes construction of New Domestic Terminal Building and other allied structures. Under the development plan, works of Construction of Air Traffic Control Tower cum Technical Block, Fire Station and Cargo Building (Package-I), Construction of Terminal building, Residential Quarters & Allied works (Package-II) and Construction of State Government Hangars, Flying Club, VIP Lounge Building and associated works (Package-III) have been awarded at an estimated expenditure of Rs. 599.34 crore. The cumulative financial progress of these three packages is about 32% and physical progress is 72%, 28.75% and 37% respectively.

Considering the limitations of runway at Patna airport for operation of wide bodied aircraft, a Civil Enclave of capacity 5 Million Passengers Per Annum (MPPA) at Bihta has been proposed for combined use of AAI and Indian Air Force (IAF).

(d): At present, the passenger handling capacity of Patna airport is 2.5 MPPA, which will be enhanced to 8.0 MPPA after completion of the New Terminal

Building. The proposed capacity of civil enclave at Bihta is 5 MPPA.

(e): At Patna airport, 25 acres of land is required for construction of parallel taxi track, 12 acres for isolation bay and 4.5 acres for Doppler Very High Frequency Omni Range (DVOR) and Glide Path (GP). The State Government has already granted working permission for DVOR & GP installation.

At Bihta airport, the State Government has provided 108 acres of land to AAI. However, to make the proposed airport suitable for International operations, the State Government of Bihar is required to provide 191.5 acres of land for runway extension and 8 acres for city side development, which is yet to be handed over.

(f): The projected date of completion (PDC) for development/expansion of Patna airport is December, 2023. As regards Bihta airport project, timeline for completion of the project depends upon factors such as land acquisition, availability of mandatory clearances, financial closure etc.

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