

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 1617
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 1st August 2022)**

EXPANSION OF PATNA AND BIHTA AIRPORTS

1617. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR MODI

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

- (a) the initial cost projected for expansion of Patna Airport and the current cost thereof;
- (b) the details of works related to expansion of Patna Airport completed so far, details of the remaining works, and by when the remaining works will be completed;
- (c) the status of expansion of Bihta Airport and the impediments on the way of expansion work; and
- (d) whether any proposal to build a greenfield airport in Saran district is under consideration and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

(a) & (b): At Patna, Airports Authority of India (AAI) has undertaken the work of construction of (i) Control Tower cum Technical Block, Fire Station & Cargo Building, (ii) New Domestic Terminal Building & allied works and (iii) State Government Hangars Flying Club Building VIP Lounge Building & other associated works at a cumulative Administrative Approval & Expenditure Sanction of Rs.1216.90 crore. The probable Dates of Completion of these works is September, 2022, March, 2024 and June, 2023 respectively. The physical progress of these works has been 91%, 54% and 54%, respectively.

(c): AAI has projected a land requirement of 191.5 acre to the State Government of Bihar for extension of runway to make it suitable for wide bodied aircraft in addition to a land requirement of 8 acre for expansion of Apron to accommodate wide bodied aircraft.

(d): As per Greenfield Airport Policy, if any developer including the State Government desires to develop an airport, it is required to identify a suitable site and get the Pre-feasibility Study conducted for construction of airport and submit a proposal to the Central Government for 'Site-Clearance' followed by 'In-Principle' approval. As per the Policy, a Steering Committee comprising of Members from

various Ministries/Departments/Organisations gives its recommendation to GoI for 'Site-Clearance' or 'In-Principle' approval, as the case may be. No such proposal from State Government or any other project proponent has been received for construction of Greenfield Airport at Saran district in Bihar.
