

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 1289
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19th December 2022)**

EXPANSION OF PATNA AND BIHTA AIRPORTS

1289. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR MODI

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

- (a) the estimated initial cost of expansion of Patna Airport and its current cost;
- (b) the physical and financial progress of expansion of Patna Airport, the details thereof;
- (c) the area of land demanded from the State Government for the expansion of Patna Airport and the status thereof;
- (d) the passenger capacity and aircraft capacity of the airport at present, and assessment of the future;
- (e) the status of expansion of Bihta Airport, total land received and how much is required; and
- (f) whether any proposal has been received from the State Government of Bihar, and the latest status thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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(a) & (b): At Patna the Airports Authority of India (AAI) has undertaken construction of (i) Control Tower cum Technical Block, Fire Station and Cargo Building (Physical Progress - 99.00%, Expenditure incurred upto 30.11.2022- Rs.25.83 crore) (ii) New Domestic Terminal Building and allied work (Physical Progress - 50.00%, Expenditure incurred upto 30.11.2022- Rs.274.97 crore), (iii) State Government Hangers, Flying Club Building, VIP Lounge Building and other associated works (Physical Progress - 61.00%, Expenditure incurred upto 30.11.2022- Rs.17.66 crore) at Patna Airport at an Administrative Approval and Expenditure sanction (AA&ES) cost of Rs.1,216.90 crore.

Moreover, AAI has also undertaken the work of re-carpeting of runway, taxiway, shoulders, apron and construction of a parallel taxi track, isolation bay, taxi way link and other allied work at an AA&ES cost of Rs. 95.11 crore at Patna airport.

(c): AAI has projected a land requirement of 26.80 acre to the State Government of Bihar out of which 25.19 acre has already been handed over to AAI.

(d): The present capacity of Patna Airport is 2.5 Million Pax Per Annum (MPPA),

which will enhance to 8 MPPA after expansion. Moreover, the present apron capacity for 6 Bays (A320/B737 Aircraft) will enhance to 11 Bays (9 for A320/B737 Aircraft + 2 for ATR 72) after completion of the project.

(e): 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 the expansion of Apron to accommodate wide bodied aircraft.

(f):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 in Bihar.
