

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 2082
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20th March 2023)

EXPANSION OF GAGGAL AIRPORT, KANGRA (HP)

2082. MS. INDU BALA GOSWAMI

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

- (a) the likely length of runway, in terms of kilometres, as per the first and second phase plans of the Gaggal Airport in Kangra, Himachal Pradesh (HP);
- (b) whether the Gaggal Airport expansion will lead to halving of the air fare from Delhi to Kangra; and
- (c) by when the survey for the land acquisition for second phase will be started?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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

- (a): The proposed length of the runway, as part of expansion plan of Gaggal airport in Kangra, Himachal Pradesh is 1.90 km in phase-I and 3.01 km in phase-II.
- (b): Airfares are market driven and are neither regulated nor established by the Government. The airlines are free to fix reasonable tariffs under the provisions of sub-rule (1) of Rule 135 of the Aircraft Rules, 1937 having regard to all relevant factors, including the cost of operation, characteristics of services, reasonable profit and the generally prevailing tariff.
- (c): The survey for the land acquisition for second phase of the project has already been completed and action has been initiated for Social Impact Assessment (SIA) for both the phases by the agency engaged by the State Government of Himachal Pradesh.
