

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 1285
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 13th March 2023)

**UPGRADATION AND INCREASE IN INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS FOR
KOLKATA AIRPORT**

1285. SMT SHANTA CHHETRI

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any step to upgrade Kolkata Airport;
- (b) the steps taken to increase international flights to Kolkata;
- (c) any other significant decisions, plans or steps taken for Kolkata Airport;
- (d) the amount spent on modernisation of Kolkata Airport in the past three years;
- and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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

(a): The Airports Authority of India (AAI) has taken up the construction of Air Traffic Control Tower & Technical Block, 3 hangars, 3 Rapid Exit Taxiways and 04 Aprons at Kolkata airport. AAI has also taken up the extension of Taxi track 'F' from proposed Bay No. C-13 to 19R & from 19R to 19L.

(b): The Government provides an enabling environment for growth of civil aviation sector but does not interfere in the operational plans of the airlines. Operation of international flights from any point in India is purely a commercial decision of the airlines on the basis of economic viability of the route and other associated factors.

(c) to (e): AAI has incurred an expenditure of Rs. 184.24 crore, Rs. 198.54 crore and Rs. 209.83 crore during the financial years 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22, respectively for the modernisation of Kolkata airport. The construction of a new Domestic Terminal Building, enhancement of capacity of Integrated Passenger Terminal Building and allied works at the airport are at planning stage.
