DIGI YATRA

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

(a) the details on the newly launched Digi Yatra app and its objectives;

(b) the details on how Government has ensured the protection of passengers' data and privacy in the Digi Yatra system, and the measures in place to prevent cyber attacks or data breaches; and

(c) whether Government has ensured that Digi Yatra complies with international standards for air travel and data protection, and the steps it has taken to promote Digi Yatra as a model for other countries to follow?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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(a): Digi Yatra mobile application for the facilitation of passengers is available on both Android and iOS platform. Passengers can enroll their verifiable credentials on the app using Aadhaar. Passengers may upload their boarding pass for availing the facility of Digi Yatra. The objective of Digi Yatra and its mobile application is to enable passengers to pass through various check points at the airport through a paperless and contactless system using facial features to establish the identity, linked to the boarding pass.

(b) & (c): Digi Yatra Central Ecosystem (DYCE) is built on the fundamental tenets of privacy by design/default and there is no central storage of passenger's Personally Identifiable Information (PII) data thereby mitigating the data loss, theft and leakage issues. All the passenger data is encrypted and stored in the wallet of passenger's smartphone and shared only for a limited time duration with the origin airport where passenger Digi Yatra ID needs to be validated. The data is purged from the system within 24 hours of the departure of the flight. Digi Yatra provides end to end processes at the airport whereas international airports which use similar technologies, provide it at only a few of the airports touch points.

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