GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 327 (TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6th February 2023)

COMMENCEMENT OF DIGI YATRA SERVICE

327. DR. AMEE YAJNIK

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

- (a) whether Government has launched the beta version of Digi Yatra, which is currently being executed at Delhi, Varanasi and Bengaluru airports;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and whether Digi Yatra service will be available at all airports in future;
- (c) whether Government is planning to make Digi Yatra a mandatory or voluntary service at the airport in future;
- (d) whether Government is aware that this project may lead to misuse and unauthorized monitoring of data of air passengers; and
- (e) if so, the details of the steps taken to ensure the security of the data?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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

- (a)& (b): Digi Yatra has been launched at Delhi, Bangalore and Varanasi Airports on 1st December 2022. The implementation of Digi Yatra under phase I is planned at Kolkata, Pune, Vijayawada and Hyderabad Airports. It is to be implemented across various airports in the country in phased manner.
- (c): Digi Yatra is a voluntary service for providing passengers seamless and hassle-free experience at the Airports.
- (d) and (e): 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's data is encrypted and stored in the wallet of the passenger's smartphone and shared only for a limited time duration with the airport of origin where passenger Digi Yatra ID needs to be validated. The data is purged from the

system within 24 hours of flight.
