

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 3526
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3rd April 2023)**

DIGI YATRA POLICY

3526. SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK

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

- (a) whether Government has launched Digi Yatra Policy and if so, the details thereof and the aims and objectives behind the move;
- (b) the financial allocation for implementing Digi Yatra Policy;
- (c) the airports which were awarded work for implementation of Biometric Boarding System by Airports Authority of India (AAI);
- (d) whether any time bound programme of action is planned to cover all airports of the country under the above scheme; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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

(a) to (c): Digi Yatra is an initiative launched by Ministry of Civil Aviation for biometric boarding using Facial Recognition Technology. It aims at providing seamless and hassle-free experience for passengers at airports. Its main objective is to enhance passenger experience by eliminating the need for verification of ticket and ID at multiple touch points and to achieve better throughput through existing infrastructure using a Digital Framework. The expenditure on implementation of Digi Yatra is done by Airport Operators. Ministry of Civil Aviation does not provide any budgetary support for its implementation. Airports Authority of India (AAI) has awarded the work for implementation of Biometric Boarding System at Varanasi, Kolkata, Pune and Vijayawada airports, of which it has been implemented at Varanasi airport.

(d) & (e): Digi Yatra is to be implemented across airports in a phased manner. In the first phase, Digi Yatra has been launched on 01.12.2022 at Delhi, Bangalore

and Varanasi Airports for providing passengers contactless, paperless check-in and boarding process based on facial biometrics. The implementation of Digi Yatra under phase I is also planned at Kolkata, Pune, Vijayawada and Hyderabad Airports and across various airports in the country in phased manner.
