

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO : 194**  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 7<sup>th</sup> August 2023)

**RE-DEVELOPMENT OF AIRPORTS IN WEST BENGAL**

\*194. SMT SHANTA CHHETRI

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

- (a) the details of re-development works of all airports and steps taken to improve security in airports in West Bengal in the last three years including the current year;
- (b) the funds allotted for this purpose; and
- (c) the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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Statement in reply to parts (a) to (c) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No.194 regarding "Re-development of airports in West Bengal" to be answered on 07.08.2023.

(a) to (c): Upgradation/ Modernisation of airports, including those in the State of West Bengal, is a continuous process and is undertaken by Airports Authority of India (AAI) and other Airport Operators from time to time depending on the availability of land, commercial viability, socio-economic considerations, traffic demand / willingness of airlines to operate to/from such airports. AAI has undertaken the work of construction of Air Traffic Control Tower/ Technical block, extension of F-Taxi Track, 3 Rapid Exit Taxiways, 4 Aprons and other allied work at Kolkata airport at a cost of around Rs.600 crore till June, 2023. Besides, as of 30.06.2023, a sum total expenditure of Rs.34.80 has been incurred for the development of Burnpur (Rs.22.20 crore), Durgapur (Rs.3.11 crore) and Cooch Behar (Rs.9.49 crore) under Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) - Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS). A Cargo Terminal of 5000 tonne capacity has also been constructed at Durgapur airport at a cost of Rs.2.88 crore.

Moreover, as regards security of the airport, it is provided by either the State Police or CISF. The CISF apprises relevant authorities from time to time about Aviation Security in different forums. The requirement of security is dynamic in nature. The security system at airports is reviewed regularly and upgraded as per the requirement by the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) in consultation with concerned agencies and stakeholders, including CISF and Airport Operators, depending upon threat perceptions, and corrective measures taken accordingly. In so far as airports manned by CISF are concerned, Bio-metric Access Control Systems and the Regulated Agent systems to ensure cargo supply chain security and one additional XBIS machine each at Kolkata and Bagdogra Airports have been deployed. Security at Cooch Behar and Durgapur airports is provided by the Police of the State Government of West Bengal.

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