GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1188 (To be answered on the 9th February 2023)

DIGI YATRA SCHEME

1188. SHRIMATI SUMALATHA AMBAREESH

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION लागर विमालल मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

(a) whether Digi Yatra Scheme has been implemented at Bangaluru International Airport and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any steps have been taken to ensure that Digi Yatra scheme doesn't violate the passengers right to privacy and if so, the details of steps taken in this regard;

(c) the total number of passengers who have availed digi yatra facilities across various airports of the country;

(d) whether any steps have been taken to ensure operation of more flights to and from Mysuru Airport and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Krishi Udan has been operating from Mysuru and Bangaluru airports and if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether Krishi Udan has helped sugar farmers across Mandya region of Karnataka and if so, the details thereof; and

(g) whether the Government has details regarding Krishi Udan facilities availed by farmers of Mandya and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATIONलागर विमालल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री(GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Digi Yatra has been launched at Bangalore International Airport on 01.12.2022. The 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. Further, all the passenger data is encrypted and stored in the passenger's smartphone wallet and shared only for a limited time duration with the origin airport where passenger ID needs to be validated. The data is purged from the system after 24 hours of the departure of the flight.

(c): Digi Yatra has been launched at 3 airports i.e. Delhi, Bengaluru and Varanasi on 01.12.2022. More than 1.25 Lakh passengers have availed Digi Yatra at these airports since then.

(d): Ministry of Civil aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Sceme (RCS)- UDAN (Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik) on 21.10.2016 to stimulate regional air connectivity and making air travel affordable to the masses. Mysuru airport was operationalized with UDAN flights on 20.09.2017 connecting it with Chennai. subsequently, Mysuru was connected with Bengaluru, Cochin, Goa, Hyderabad and Belgaum under UDAN Scheme. Further, the Indian domestic aviation sector has been deregulated and Airlines plan flights from/to any airport based on traffic demand and commercial viability.

(e): No, Sir.

(f) & (g): There is no airport under Krishi Udan in the vicinity of Mandya.
