GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 4036 (To be answered on the 19th December 2024)

RENOVATION OF CHANDIGARH AIRPORT

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION लागर विमालल मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

(a) the total expenditure incurred by the Government on reconstructing/renovating/refurbishing/building afresh/ the old Chandigarh airport terminal between 2010-2014, prior to the opening of the new international terminal in 2015;

(b) whether it is true that the extensively renovated old terminal has been lying virtually abandoned since the inauguration of the new terminal in September 2015, despite having facilities like immigration counters and customs infrastructure and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount of funds being spent every month by the Airports Authority of India on maintenance and upkeep of the disused old terminal since it was shut down 9 years ago;

(d) whether the Government has any plans to make the old Chandigarh airport terminal operational again and if so, the details thereof along with the timelines fixed in this regard; and

(e) if not, the reasons for allowing the wastage of public resources to continue by keeping the renovated infrastructure idle?

ANSWER

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(a): The cumulative expenditure incurred by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) on reconstructing/ renovating/ refurbishing or rebuilding the old Chandigarh airport terminal between 2010-2014 amounted to Rs.43.86 crore. (b): With the commencement of operations at the new terminal at Chandigarh Airport, the old terminal building has been repurposed for various uses like housing of Communication, Navigation, and Surveillance (CNS) facilities, Electrical, Civil, Finance, Human Resources, and other administrative works of AAI. Additionally, the Multi Aviation Training Institute, run by M/s. NSDC, operated from the old terminal during February 2018 to December

2022.

(c): The average monthly expenditure incurred by AAI on the maintenance and upkeep of the old Chandigarh airport terminal from FY 2015-16 to FY 2023-24 is as follows:

Financial Year	Average Monthly Expenditure
	(Rs. in Lakhs)
2015-16	12.92
2016-17	12.42
2017-18	11.92
2018-19	12.58
2019-20	10.42
2020-21	4.92
2021-22	5.08
2022-23	4.83
2023-24	7.00

(d) & (e): Since the old terminal building at Chandigarh Airport has been repurposed for various functions, as stated in response to part (b), at present, there is no proposal to make the old terminal operational for passenger movement.
