

Record of Discussions during Video Conferencing (VC) held on 30.12.2019 by Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Civil Aviation with State Governments of Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal on Civil Aviation related issues.

A VC was held on 30.12.2019 from 1730 Hours to 1900 Hours by Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Civil Aviation with State Governments of Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal on Civil Aviation related issues.

List of Senior Officials of Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA), Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS), Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), State Governments, Airports Authority of India (AAI) and Air India who attended the meeting is given at **Annexure - 1**.

At the outset, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Civil Aviation welcomed all the participants present during the VC and stated that the Video Conference is being held to seek suggestions, information and challenges faced by various State Governments on Civil Aviation related issues to enhance air connectivity to various parts of the country.

Record of discussions during VC with the representatives of State Governments and decisions taken there on are as under:

Common Points of MoCA for discussion with State Governments:

1. State Value Added Tax (VAT)/ Sales Tax rates on Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF):

With reference to the chart given below regarding VAT for commercial flights, it is seen that State VAT/ Sales Tax rates on ATF at Major/State Capital Airports for Commercial Operations are in the range of 4% to 29%. This may be reduced to less than 5% with immediate effect so that Domestic Airlines can sustain their commercial operations and provide additional flights to the airports located in their States.

State Government	VAT for Commercial flights	VAT on Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) flights
Bihar	29%	1%
Chhattisgarh	4%	1%
Jharkhand	4%	1%
Madhya Pradesh	Gwalior 4%, Bhopal and Indore 25%	1%
Odisha	5%	1%
Uttar Pradesh	4%	0%

West Bengal	25%, 0% for Bagdogra and Durgapur.	Coochbehar 0%.
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GOVERNMENT OF BIHAR:

Additional Secretary, Govt. of Bihar intimated the following:

1. Construction of Civil Enclave and Joint Operation must be accelerated for the following Airports:

- i. **Patna Airport:**

Member (Planning), AAI intimated that this airport is being developed by AAI at a cost of Rs. 1216.90 Cr. with PDC of October, 2022. The following are the issues of AAI with Bihar Government:

- a. Relocation of Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL) facility.
- b. Land for installation of Doppler Very High Frequency Omni Range (DVOR) and Isolation Bay.
- c. Land for parallel Taxi Track.
- d. Installation of CAT-I Approach Light System.

Additional Secretary, Govt. of Bihar intimated that decisions with regard to above issues have already been initiated. These issues would be resolved within one month.

Decisions: Secretary, Civil Aviation informed the representative of Bihar Govt. and AAI to resolve the issues within one month so that the work could be started at the earliest.

- ii. **Bihta Airport:**

Member (Planning), AAI intimated that a new Civil Enclave is being developed by AAI at Bihta Airport in 108 acres of land handed over by Bihar Government at a cost of Rs. 950.00 Cr. with PDC of September, 2022. The following are the issues of AAI with Bihar Government:

- a. 8 acres of additional land for new Civil Enclave.
- b. 191.50 acres of land for runway extension and Instrument Landing System (ILS).
- c. Relocation of High Tension Electricity Lines.
- d. Handing over of one Residential Plot of land.

Additional Secretary, Govt. of Bihar intimated that decisions with regard to above issues have already been initiated and these issues will be resolved within one month.

Decisions: Secretary, Civil Aviation informed the representative of Bihar Govt. to resolve the issues within one month and inform AAI so that the work could be started at the earliest.

iii. **Purnia Airport:**

Member (Planning), AAI intimated that Purnia Airport belongs to Indian Air Force (IAF) and a new Civil Enclave is being developed by AAI. The following are the issues of AAI with Bihar Government:

- a. Handing over of 50 acres of land for development of Civil Enclave.

Additional Secretary, Govt. of Bihar intimated that decision making process with regard to above issue has already been initiated and it would be resolved within one month.

Decisions: Secretary, Civil Aviation informed the representative of Bihar Govt. to resolve the issue within one month and inform AAI so that the work could be started at the earliest.

iv. **Darbhanga Airport:**

Member (Planning), AAI intimated that Darbhanga Airport belongs to IAF and AAI is developing a new Civil Enclave at Darbhanga. The following are the issues of AAI with Bihar Government:

- a. 31 acres of IAF land to be swapped by Bihar Govt. and handed over to AAI.
- b. Reduction of VAT on ATF to 1% for RCS flights.

Additional Secretary, Govt. of Bihar intimated that ₹121.00 Crore has already been paid by Bihar Govt. to acquire necessary land at Darbhanga Airport. The issue will be resolved within one month.

Decisions: Secretary, Civil Aviation informed the representative of Bihar Govt. to resolve the issue within one month and inform AAI so that the work could be started at the earliest.

v. **Operation of flights on following routes:**

- a. Patna - Chandigarh - Amritsar - Patna.
- b. Patna - Bhubaneswar - Patna.
- c. Patna - Bagdogra - Kathmandu - Patna.

Additional Secretary, Govt. of Bihar intimated that flights on Patna - Chandigarh - Amritsar - Patna sector have already started w.e.f. 10th October, 2019. It is requested that the remaining two routes, as above, should be operationalised at the earliest.

Decisions:

- a. The representative of Bihar Govt. was informed that bidding for RCS – UDAN version 4.0 is already in process and it is expected that some of these routes will get operationalised during the process. Further, Bihar Government may interact with the airlines and incentivize, if needed, for air connectivity on these routes.
- b. Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Civil Aviation intimated the representative of Bihar Government that Bihar Govt. should reduce the VAT on ATF at Patna Airport from existing 29% to 5% or below so that the airlines will find these routes economically viable and increase their operations.

GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH:

Principal Secretary, Home Department, Govt. of Chhattisgarh participated in the VC on behalf of Chief Secretary, Govt. of Chhattisgarh and intimated the following issues:

Chhattisgarh State has two licensed RCS airports namely, Jagdalpur and Bilaspur. Ambikapur, the third RCS airport, is awaiting license from DGCA. All airports have been aimed for licensing in 2C Visual Flight Rules (VFR) category under guidance of AAI's Nodal Officer at Raipur and visiting DGCA experts. All these three airports are required to be up-graded from 2C VFR to 3C VFR category for commencement of bigger aircraft operations.

i. **Raipur Airport:**

Member (Planning), AAI intimated that Raipur Airport belongs to AAI and the following are the issues of AAI with Chhattisgarh Government:

- a. Extension of runway completed by AAI.
- b. However, one village road (Baroda to Mana) is required to be diverted and certain parcels of land to be handed over to AAI for using the extended runway.

Chief Secretary, Govt. of Chhattisgarh intimated that the land issue will be resolved within one month.

Decisions: Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Civil Aviation informed the Chief Secretary, Chhattisgarh Govt. to resolve the issue within one month and inform AAI so that the work could be completed at the earliest.

ii. **Jagdalpur Airport:**

Member (Air Navigation Services), AAI intimated that Jagdalpur Airport belongs to AAI and the following are the issues of AAI with Chhattisgarh Government:

- a. This is a 2C VFR Category airport.
- b. Flights at this airport have been cancelled due to poor visibility, bad weather and non-availability of navigational aids.
- c. State Government has requested AAI for preparation of GAGAN (Global Positioning System Aided GEO Augmented Navigation) based approaches for RCS airports.

Decisions: The Chief Secretary, Chhattisgarh Govt. was informed that a team of officers of AAI, DGCA and BCAS will be visiting Jagdalpur Airport on 3rd January, 2020 for necessary assessment and inspections. After receipt of the report from the team of officers, M/s Airline Allied Services Limited will start their operations to Jagdalpur within 4-6 weeks.

iii. **Bilaspur Airport:**

Chief Secretary, Govt. of Chhattisgarh intimated that:

- a. Bilaspur is 2C VFR Category airport.
- b. RCS flights for Bilaspur are still awaited and Bilaspur-Raipur-Jagdalpur routes should be included during the next bidding round of RCS – UDAN version 4.0.

Decisions: The Chief Secretary of Chhattisgarh Govt. was informed that bidding for RCS-UDAN version 4.0 is already in process and it is expected that these routes will

get operationalised during the process. Further, State Government should interact with the airlines to provide air connectivity to above routes.

iv. **Ambikapur Airport:**

- a. Ambikapur is Code-2C VFR airport.
- b. Ambikapur airport is awaiting airport license from DGCA.

Member (Air Navigation Services), AAI intimated that there were some observations by DGCA for issue of Airport License for Ambikapur Airport. These observations are required to be rectified by the State Government. After rectification of observations by the State Government, another inspection will be carried out by a team of officers of DGCA, AAI and BCAS. So, it will take some more time for issuance of Airport License.

Decisions: Secretary, Civil Aviation informed the Chief Secretary, Chhattisgarh Govt. that the observations made by DGCA are required to be complied with and intimated to AAI and DGCA so that another inspection could be carried out at the earliest.

GOVERNMENT OF JHARKHAND:

Secretary, Civil Aviation, Govt. of Jharkhand intimated the following:

- a. Inclusion of Waterdromes in Jharkhand in RCS – UDAN version 4.0.

Member (Planning), AAI intimated that for inclusion of Waterdrome in UDAN-4.0, location of the site should be suggested by the Jharkhand Government to AAI.

- b. MoCA to take necessary steps for provision of exclusive relaxations/exemptions by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (M/o EF&CC) to State Govt. in the process of obtaining forest clearance for new airport developments.

Member (Planning), AAI intimated that the matter belongs to M/o EF&CC and the State Government should directly take up the matter regarding Forest Clearance to develop new airport. AAI can provide technical advice/ hand holding.

- c. MoCA to assist the State Govt. in regulating the construction around State Government owned airports.

Member (Planning), AAI intimated that the matter belongs to the State Government and Jharkhand Government should develop their own guidelines in this regard.

- d. Status of commencement of scheduled flights from Jamshedpur (Sonari Airport) under RCS – UDAN version 1.0.
- e. Timelines for starting scheduled flights from Dumka and Bokaro under RCS – UDAN version 2.0.

Decisions: RCS Cell informed that as per the decisions taken by Project Evaluation Committee, Dumka Airport is required to be developed. This issue may be decided by AAI & State Government in view of RCS – UDAN bids.

Deoghar Airport:

Member (Planning), AAI intimated that AAI is developing Deoghar Airport for RCS operations. The following are the issues of AAI with State Government:

- a. Diverting/closing of Deoghar - Satar road.
- b. Construction of Approach Road to be completed by June, 2020 for matching with PDC of Terminal Building.
- c. Electricity and Water supply should be provided at concessional rates.

Decisions: Secretary, Civil Aviation, Govt. of Jharkhand intimated that the needful will be done by the State Government.

Ranchi Airport:

Member (Operations), AAI intimated that at Ranchi Airport, more land is required for runway extension and this issue is pending since long.

Secretary, Civil Aviation, Govt. of Jharkhand intimated that the needful will be done by the State Government.

Decisions: Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Civil Aviation intimated that Jharkhand Government should resolve the issues within one month and inform AAI so that the work could be completed at the earliest.

GOVERNMENT OF MADHYA PRADESH:

Hon'ble Minister, Department of Public Relations, Science & Technology, Government of Madhya Pradesh intimated the following:

International Flights:

International flights should be started from Indore to Dubai twice a week. International flights should also be started from Bhopal to Colombo and Ranchi to cover Buddhist Circuits. The Hon'ble Minister also stated that Air India is not giving any proposal to provide International Connectivity to Govt. of Madhya Pradesh from Indore and Bhopal.

Aniruddhe Mukherjee, Principal Secretary, Government of Madhya Pradesh requested for the connectivity to the following routes:

- a. Gwalior is connected under RCS – UDAN version 3.0, but many tourist destinations and industrial hubs are required to be provided with air connectivity.
- b. Operationalization of Khajuraho – Delhi route, which was awarded under RCS – UDAN version 3.0.

Decisions: RCS Cell, AAI intimated that the Selected Airline Operators (SAOs) would be advised to start operationalization of routes awarded under RCS – UDAN.

- c. The following airports have been proposed for inclusion under RCS bidding:

S N	Name	Proximity to
1	Birwa	Kanha National Park - renowned Tiger Reserve.
2	Chhindwara	Pench National Park - renowned Tiger Reserve.
3	Datia	Shri Pitambara Peeth - a complex of Hindu Temples and believed to be 'Tapasthali' of many mythological legends.
4	Mandla	Kanha National Park - renowned Tiger Reserve.
5	Neemuch	Training centre of CRPF, Opium Laboratory, GOAW.
6	Pachmarhi	Renowned Tourist Hill Station on Satpura Ranges.
7	Rewa/ Satna	Cement Industry and only White Tiger Safari (Rewa).
8	Umaria	Bandhavgarh National Park - renowned Tiger Reserve.

- d. Madhya Pradesh Government vide letter dated 28.12.2019 has requested to include the following routes under RCS – UDAN version 4.0:
 - i. Bhopal - Satna - Indore: Industrial & Commercial Air Traffic.
 - ii. Indore - Satna - Bhopal: Industrial & Commercial Air Traffic.
 - iii. Indore - Bhopal - Jabalpur - Satna: Air Traffic due to High Court Benches.
 - iv. Satna - Jabalpur - Bhopal - Indore: Air Traffic due to High Court Benches.

Member (Planning), AAI intimated the following regarding issues raised by Madhya Pradesh Government:

- a. Birwa, Chhindwara, Neemuch, Pachmarhi, Rewa and Satna are listed as unserved Airports/ Airstrips in the Regional Connectivity Scheme of MoCA dated December, 2016.
- b. The State Govt. Airstrips at Umaria, Datiya and Mandla are not listed in the RCS document dated December, 2016.
- c. Birwa, Chhindwara, Pachmarhi and Rewa Airstrips belong to Madhya Pradesh Govt.
- d. Neemuch Airstrip belongs to Indian Army.
- e. Satna Airstrip belongs to AAI and it is in the process of being leased to State Govt.

Decisions:

- a. Secretary, Civil Aviation informed that Government of Madhya Pradesh may decide to interact with airlines to motivate them for International Connectivity. Government of Madhya Pradesh can also follow International Air Connectivity (UDAN International) scheme.
- b. Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Civil Aviation intimated that the Madhya Pradesh Government should incentivise airlines to provide connectivity from different locations. Further, the airlines are free to choose their network and provide connectivity based upon sustainability of their business model and viable commercial routes. So, the State Government of Madhya Pradesh should discuss the issue with airlines to encourage them. HMoSCA also advised the representatives of Madhya Pradesh Government to reduce the VAT on ATF for commercial flights so that the airlines will find these routes economically viable and increase their operations.

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA:

Hon'ble Minister, Department of Transport, Government of Odisha and Special Secretary, Transport Department, Government of Odisha intimated the following:

1. Inclusion of Jeypore & Utkela airports during next bidding round.
2. Operationalization of flights from Rourkela to Kolkata awarded under RCS – UDAN version 3.0.
3. Direct flights from Bhubaneswar to Pune, Ahmedabad and Jaipur.
4. Direct International flights from Bhubaneswar to Dubai, South East Asian countries, etc.

Member (Planning), AAI intimated that the following issues are pending with Odisha Government regarding Bhubaneswar Airport: Biju Patnaik International Airport is the primary airport serving the capital of Odisha. The following are the issues of AAI with State Government:

- a. Pending issue of 1.4 acres of land for Parallel Taxi Track and Basic Strip.
- b. Right of Way for Approach Light.

The representative of State Government intimated that the issue is under active consideration of Odisha Government and needful will be done at the earliest.

Decisions:

- a. Government of Odisha was intimated to follow Long Term Policy and Short Term Policy. Under Long Term Policy, Bhubaneswar and Jharsuguda Airports have been developed for operation of bigger aircraft. Rourkela has been licensed under Code-2B category for smaller aircraft. Steps would be taken to upgrade it. The SAOs would be advised to start operationalization of routes awarded under RCS-UDAN. Further, direct flights from Bhubaneswar to Ahmedabad will be started by 20th January, 2020. Further routes to connect more destinations to Bhubaneswar would be taken up with the Domestic Airlines.
- b. Secretary, Civil Aviation intimated the representative of Odisha Government that as per the Bilateral Air Service Agreement signed by MoCA, it is not possible to provide International Air Connectivity from Bhubaneswar to Dubai as there are no Bilateral Rights to Dubai. However, it is possible to provide International Air Connectivity from Bhubaneswar to Sharjah and/or Abu Dhabi.
- c. Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Civil Aviation also directed Secretary, Civil Aviation and Joint Secretary, MoCA to proceed to Odisha during the month of January, 2020 to convene a meeting with State Government and Chief Executive Officers of Airlines at Bhubaneswar to discuss issues related to Domestic and International Air Connectivity to and from Odisha.
- d. Government of Odisha was informed that the concerned officers of AAI, DGCA and BCAS would visit Rourkela and Jeypore at the earliest to address the pending issues to operationalise the airport under RCS – UDAN. Also, the Selected Airline Operator (SAO) will be involved for early commencement of flights from Rourkela airport.

GOVERNMENT OF UTTAR PRADESH:

Secretary, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh (UP) intimated that UP Govt. has reduced VAT to 0% for all new commercial flights. As a result, there has been a quantum jump in the number of flights operating within UP by different airlines. UP Govt. representative also requested that non-RCS airports should also be added during bidding process of RCS – UDAN version 4.0. Since the State Govt. has already granted additional incentives to the flights.

It was intimated that 17 airstrips/ airports were selected in UP for development; out of this 10 airstrips belong to State Government as per the details given below:

- a. Obstacle Limitation Surface (OLS) Survey for Meerut, Ayodhya and Ghazipur is required to be completed by AAI.

Member (Planning), AAI intimated that OLS survey for Meerut, Ayodhya and Ghazipur Airports has already been completed and identified obstacles during OLS Survey were informed to UP Govt. on 17.09.2019 for suitable action. Status regarding removal of Obstacles by UP Govt. is still awaited by AAI.

- b. Aerodrome Licence for Aligarh, Azamgarh, Moradabad and Shravasti airports is required to be issued by DGCA.

Member (Planning), AAI intimated that a Multi- disciplinary team of AAI, BCAS and DGCA officials will visit these airports by 15th January, 2020 for inspection and certification work.

- c. Security and Fire Equipment are required to be procured by AAI.

Member (Planning), AAI intimated that Security equipment will be procured by April, 2020 and Fire equipment will be procured by March, 2020.

- d. AAI has to provide Communications, Navigation and Surveillance (CNS) and Air Traffic Management (ATM) Services for all the airports.

Member (Planning), AAI intimated that work related to CNS and ATM Services for all the airports will be completed by April, 2020.

- e. AAI has to coordinate regarding Meteorological Services on all the airports.

Member (Planning), AAI intimated that AAI will coordinate regarding Meteorological Services at all the airports.

- f. The construction works is very slow to develop Chitrakoot, Muirpur and Jhansi airports. After completion of work, State Government will apply for aerodrome licensing to DGCA.

Member (Planning), AAI intimated the following regarding Chitrakoot, Muirpur and Jhansi airport:

- i. **Chitrakoot Airport:** Construction equipment and plant of M/s RITES Limited is occupying the site at Chitrakoot. The work of terminal building has been started and it will be completed by June, 2020.
- ii. **Muirpur Airport:** Out of 18 acres of land required for the development of Airport, only 4-acre of land has been handed over by State Govt. Balance land is yet to be handed over to AAI by State Govt. Diversion of village road, shifting of Electric Pole, removal of trees & provision of dedicated Power Supply to airport is yet to be provided by UP Govt. Work has already been awarded and work will start after handing over of land to AAI by UP Govt.
- iii. **Jhansi Airport:** AAI has requested UP Govt. to obtain permission from Ministry of Defence (MoD) to conduct feasibility study of existing Hangar for converting it into Terminal Building, survey and measurements by AAI.

Decisions: Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Civil Aviation advised AAI to hold a meeting with MoD where UP Govt. should also be invited to sort out issues for permission etc. for Jhansi airport.

- g. **Sarsawa (Saharanpur):** UP Govt. intimated that as per AAI, about 60 acres of land is required for Sarsawa (Saharanpur) and the cost is about ₹250 Crore.

Member (Planning), AAI intimated that the land acquisition proposal for Sarsawa (Saharanpur) has been divided into two sub-phases i.e. Phase-1A with an area of 33 acres and Phase-1B with an area of 27 acres which shall be reserved for future expansion.

- h. **Ghazipur:** UP Govt. intimated that as per AAI, 260 acres for phase-1 and 212 acres additional land for phase-2 is required and the cost is about ₹1500 Crore.

Member (Planning), AAI intimated that there is a proposal for Runway Extension by about 900 metres for landing of ATR-72 type of aircraft. Further, the possibility of acquiring the land in two phases was explored. However, considering the Runway expansion work, the land requirement cannot be further bifurcated.

- i. **Meerut:** UP Govt. intimated that as per AAI, 282 acres of land is required and the cost is about ₹500 Crore.

Member (Planning), AAI intimated that the land required for Terminal Building and allied Infrastructure has been divided into two phases. In Phase-1A, 264.55 acres of land is required for Runway Extension, Terminal Building and allied infrastructure for RCS operations. In Phase-1B, 18.18 acres of land is required for further necessary development).

UP Govt. intimated that it is difficult to purchase land in one financial year. It should be revised in two phases; first only essential and second for future expansion.

Member (Planning), AAI clarified that the land requirement has already been planned phase wise with minimum infrastructure requirements for the operationalization of the airport.

Sarsawa (Saharanpur) is being developed as a New Civil Enclave for which the land area is divided in two phases (Phase-1A 33 acres and Phase-1B 27 acres).

The Master Plans of Meerut and Ghazipur airports have been planned considering Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operation. However, if the same is to be developed for VFR operations, the land area can be reduced by 106 acres for both the airports.

- j. **Reimbursements for Bills:** UP Govt. intimated that reimbursement of expenditure of ₹29.00 Crore to UP Govt. is required to be released for development of 4 airports.

Member (Planning), AAI informed that payment will be released by AAI at the earliest in the month of January, 2020.

- k. UP Govt. intimated that there should be coordination with SAOs to start RCS operations as per awarded routes.

Executive Director (RCS Cell and Security), AAI intimated that co-ordination is in progress with SAOs to start RCS operations.

S N	Issues	Points of UP Govt. and feedback of AAI/ BCAS
1	Bareilly Airport is developed for operation of ATR 72/Q400 type of aircraft.	The work of Interim Terminal Building, Apron and Link Taxi Way has been completed. RCS operations should be started at the earliest. Executive Director (RCS Cell and Security), AAI intimated that airport is ready for operation.
2	Lucknow: Feasibility of second runway.	AAI is required to provide proposal/ master plan for development of second runway. Member (Planning) intimated that AAI has prepared a Master Plan for 2 nd Runway at Lucknow Airport and it has been forwarded to UP Govt. on 28.12.2019.
3	Varanasi: Development of Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport, Varanasi	As per AAI, State Govt. is required to procure 260 acres of land for runway extension & ILS CAT-III installation. AAI is requested for revised proposal.

	for long haul international flights.	Member (Planning), AAI intimated that AAI has already forwarded the proposal for 350 acres (260 acres for runway extension and 90 acres for city side development) on 13 th Feb 2018. No response has been received from UP Govt. Revised proposal is not required.
4	Gorakhpur: As per AAI, additional land of 60 acres for New Civil Enclave is required which is in Air Force area.	AAI is requested to provide proposal/ master plan to State Govt. after clearance from IAF. Member (Planning), AAI intimated that to meet the future requirement of Gorakhpur Airport, State Govt. is requested to identify a suitable piece of land (approx. 60 acres) contiguous with the Airport Boundary. Till now, no suitable land is identified by DM, Gorakhpur. In a meeting held on 18.07.2019 at Gorakhpur with local administration and IAF, a triangular pocket of land measuring approx. 03 acres was suggested by local administration which requires relocation of IAF hospital. Later, IAF clarified that for relocation of hospital, consent of their headquarters is required. However, the suggested land was not found technically feasible for development of Gorakhpur Airport. Further inputs from UP Govt. are awaited.
5	Agra: Airport is being developed for Airbus A-321 type of aircraft with Terminal Building and 4 Parking Bays.	Environmental Clearance from M/o EF&CC for the project and clearance of Airport Plan from Taj Trapezium Zone Agra (TTZA) is required. Member (Planning), AAI intimated that award of work of New Civil Enclave is on hold due to pending environmental Clearance from M/o EF&CC and TTZA. Hon'ble Supreme Court in a hearing of I.A. No. 160194/2018 filed by AAI in WPC No. 13381/1984, has issued the following orders/directions: "Prime Facie, we consider this objection to be a sound objection and we do not propose to allow an increase in air traffic on this air field".
6	Ayodhya: In Phase-I, airport is to be developed for ATR 72/Q400 type of aircraft and additional land of 224.06 acres is to be acquired. In Phase-II, for operation of A321/ B737 type of aircraft,	UP Govt. has released ₹ 200.00 Crore in FY 2018-19, out of ₹640.00 Crore for development of Ayodhya airport. Balance amount will be released soon. Member (Planning), AAI intimated that as per the request of UP Govt., AAI multi-disciplinary team has visited Ayodhya on 05.12.2019 to

	additional land of 286.08 acres has to be acquired.	access the feasibility of development of Ayodhya airport. The detailed proposal for development of Ayodhya airport is under preparation and the same will be sent to UP Govt.
7	Chitrakoot: Airport is for 2B type of aircraft, 2.47 acres of land for Terminal Building and 2.45 acres of land for extension of runway is required.	Land demanded by AAI and the site has been cleared to start work. Instructions to M/s RITES Limited have been issued to remove old equipment, etc. from the site. Member (Plg.), AAI intimated that construction equipment and plant M/s RITES Limited is occupying the site. The work of Terminal Building has already started and it will be completed by June, 2020.
8	Hindan Airport is operational for RCS flights; Terminal Building of 4500 sqm. for 300 (150 arrivals and 150 departures) Peak Hour Passengers (PHP) has been completed and inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime Minister. As per Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), Water Supply connection and drainage system up to the entrance of Civil Enclave are to be provided by State Govt.	The airport is already operational for RCS flights and proposal for the drainage system has been received from District Magistrate (DM), Ghaziabad and necessary approval of the State Govt. is being sought. Member (Planning), AAI intimated that airport is already operational under RCS and Drainage system work outside AAI land is yet to be carried out by UP Govt.
9	Jhansi: As per AAI, existing Runway and Parking Stand will be used. Existing Hangar will be converted into Terminal Building as an interim measure.	Lease agreement between UP Govt. & Army at Jhansi has expired on 05.10.2015 and the same has not been renewed. AAI has to carry out feasibility study for converting existing Hangar into Terminal Building. If acceptable, UP Govt. will take back this land from Army. The matter is pending with AAI. Lease area is under the control of Army. So, permission from MoD is required for any development work and AAI is requested to obtain it. Member (Planning), AAI intimated that AAI has requested UP Govt. to obtain permission from MoD to conduct feasibility study of existing hangar for converting it into Terminal Building, Survey and measurements by AAI.
10	Kanpur: New Civil Enclave with Terminal Building of 9000 sqm. for 300 (150 arrivals and 150 departures) PHP and 3 Parking Bays are required for	UP Govt. will pursue for NOC from State Fire Department for Environmental Clearance by M/o EF&CC subject to a copy of application or request to be provided by AAI. Revised proposal from DM, Kanpur is awaited for purchase of land for 4-lane road connecting

	<p>operation of A-320 type of aircraft.</p> <p>M/o EF&CC has directed AAI to submit No Objection Certificate (NOC) from Fire Department, UP.</p> <p>The work for construction of 4 lane road connecting airport to highway has not commenced since land has to be acquired by State Govt.</p> <p>The State Govt. has to link drain from airport to Main Drain.</p>	<p>airport to highway. Proposal from AAI is required for linking of drain from airport to Main Drain.</p> <p>Member (Plg.), AAI intimated that Kanpur airport is already operational under RCS. Work has been awarded on 04.10.2019 and PDC is 31.03.2020.</p> <p>Four lane roads from highway to airport is required to be constructed by UP Govt. Drainage system work outside airport is to be carried out by UP Govt.</p>
11	<p>Kushinagar: As per MoU, UP Govt. will hand over Kushinagar Airport along with land measuring 589 acres for ₹1/-. The handing over has been delayed due to issue of Stamp Duty.</p>	<p>Exemption of Stamp Duty by AAI is under consideration of Registration Dept., UP Govt. This needs Cabinet Approval of UP Govt.</p> <p>Member (Planning), AAI intimated that UP Govt. has handed over Kushinagar Airport with 589 acres of land for ₹1/- and 587 acres of land has been registered in the name of AAI on 04.10.2019. Tender for modification of existing Terminal Building and Very Important Person (VIP) Lounge to be used as Terminal Building is under progress with PDC of July, 2019.</p> <p>AAI is developing Kushinagar airport for Integrated Operations for handling 500 {300 Domestic and 200 International} PHP.</p>
12	<p>Meerut: In phase-I, airport is developed for ATR-72 type of aircraft and in phase-II for Airbus A-320 type of aircraft. The land for Phase-I including runway extension is 282.73 acres and action is being taken by State Govt.</p>	<p>Revised Master Plan has been received from AAI and sent to DM, Meerut for land purchase.</p> <p>Member (Plg.), AAI intimated that there is a proposal of Runway Extension of 1127 metres for CRJ-200 type of aircraft, for which proposal of land acquisition is included in 282.73 acre of land which is essential for the operation of said aircraft. The land area required for Terminal Building and Allied Infrastructure has been divided into two sub-phases (Phase-1A, 264.55 acres for Runway Extension and Terminal Building and allied infrastructure for RCS operations and Phase-1B, 18.18 acres for further necessary development). The proposal has been forwarded to UP Govt. on 28.12.2019.</p>
13	<p>Muirpur: The land for Muirpur Airport is approx. 18.28 acres (15.75 acres for Runway and</p>	<p>The project involves 18.28 acres of land as following:</p> <p>1. Private land: 7.27 acres - Purchased.</p>

	2.5 acres for Terminal Building).	<p>2. Bandh land: 0.54 acres - Acquired.</p> <p>3. Govt. land: 1.53 acres under process with Revenue Section, UP Govt.</p> <p>4. Forest land: 8.94 acres under process with Forest Dept., Govt. of India.</p> <p>Part land has been handed over to AAI for construction of Terminal Building, Air Traffic Control (ATC) and Fire Station.</p> <p>Member (Planning), AAI intimated that out of 18 acres of land required for development of airport, 4-acre have been handed over by UP Govt. and balance land is yet to be handed over to AAI by UP Govt. Land for runway strip is yet to be handed over by UP Govt. Diversion of village road in the runway strip. Shifting of electric pole in runway strip. Removal of trees in already handed over private land in runway strip. Provision of dedicated power supply to airport. Work has been already awarded and work will start after handing over of land to AAI.</p>
14	Sarsawa (Saharanpur): As per AAI, 60 acres of land is required for Sarsawa airport with Terminal Building of 2500 sqm. and Apron for ATR-72/Q-400 aircraft.	<p>Master Plan for 60 acres of land received from AAI for Terminal Building and Apron; and sent to DM, Saharanpur for land purchase.</p> <p>Member (Planning), AAI intimated that for RCS – UDAN operations, an initial proposal was made for 60 acres. However, as per the recommendation of UP Govt., the land acquisition proposal has been divided into two sub-phases i.e. Phase-1A with an area of 33 acres and Phase-1B with an area of 27 acres which shall be reserved for future expansion. The proposal has been forwarded to UP Govt. on 28.12.2019.</p>
15	Ghazipur: As per AAI, work is to be carried out in two phases. In phase-I, 258.40 acres of land has to be acquired for Q-400 aircraft. In phase-II, additional land of 212.60 acres will be acquired for operation of A-321/ B-737 aircraft.	<p>Master Plan from AAI has been received and sent to DM, Ghazipur for land purchase.</p> <p>Member (Planning), AAI intimated that there is a proposal of runway extension of 900 mtrs. for ATR-72 type of aircraft. Possibility of acquiring the land in two phased was explored. However, considering the runway expansion, the land requirement cannot be further bifurcated.</p>
16	Aligarh: As per AAI, 19.15 acres of land (13.15 acres for runway and 6 acres for Terminal Building, ATC etc.) is required for Aligarh airport. Obstructions removal is in	<p>Total land has been purchased and Runway, Apron and Taxiway work completed. Work is in progress for Terminal Building, ATC, Fire Station, Boundary Wall etc.</p>

	progress by District Administration. Application for Aerodrome License has been submitted to DGCA.	Work for removal of obstacles is in progress by DM, Aligarh. Application for Aerodrome License has been submitted to DGCA. Member (Planning), AAI intimated that a multi-disciplinary team of AAI, DGCA and BCAS officials will visit Aligarh airport shortly for inspection and certification work.
17	Azamgarh: As per AAI, 1.81 acres of land is required.	Total land has been purchased by State Govt. and work is in progress. Runway work is completed and work for Apron, Taxiway, Terminal Building, ATC etc. is in progress. Work for removal of obstacles is in progress by DM, Azamgarh. Application for Aerodrome License has been submitted to DGCA. Member (Planning), AAI intimated that a multi-disciplinary team of AAI, DGCA and BCAS officials will visit Azamgarh airport shortly for inspection and certification work.
18	Moradabad: As per AAI, 1.152 Hectare of land is required for various development works.	Land has been purchased and work is in progress. Runway work is completed. Work is in progress for Terminal Building, ATC, Fire Station, Boundary Wall etc. Work for removal of obstacles is in progress by DM, Moradabad. Application for Aerodrome License has been submitted to DGCA. Member (Planning), AAI intimated that a multi-disciplinary team of AAI, DGCA and BCAS officials will visit Moradabad airport shortly for inspection and certification work.
19	Shravasti: As per AAI, 27.45 acres of land is required for various development works.	Land has been purchased and work is in progress. Runway work is completed. Work is in progress for Terminal Building, ATC, Fire Station, Boundary Wall etc. Work for removal of obstacles is in progress by DM, Shravasthi. Application for Aerodrome License has been submitted to DGCA. Member (Planning), AAI intimated that a multi-disciplinary team of AAI, DGCA and BCAS officials will visit Shravasti airport shortly for inspection and certification work.
20	Training Security Personnel	of Training of security personnel for Agra, Kanpur and Bareilly airport has been completed. Training programme for Security Personnel of other RCS airports has not been received from BCAS.

	The representative of BCAS intimated that slots for Training Program for Security Personnel will be given at the earliest in consultation with UP Govt.
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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL:

Chief Secretary, Govt. of West Bengal intimated the following:

1. **Andal (Durgapur) as second airport for Kolkata:** Considering the difficulties of 3500 acres of land around Kolkata airport, Chief Secretary, West Bengal had written a letter in September, 2019 to Secretary, Civil Aviation to consider collaboration between Kolkata and Durgapur airports for optimisation of operations. Current position of the matter may be intimated.

Chief Secretary, Govt. of West Bengal further suggested that Durgapur can be considered as second airport for Kolkata. Chief Secretary, West Bengal also intimated that there is no land available at Kolkata airport. But, sufficient land is available at Andal airport for expansion of the airport.

Member (Operations), AAI intimated that AAI has expansion plan for Kolkata. Member (Plg.), AAI intimated that Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International (NSCBI) Airport, Kolkata belongs to AAI and it is being further developed to enhance capacity of the airport. The following are the issues of AAI with State Government:

- a. **Relocation of Mosque:** AAI is ready to bear the cost for relocation of the Mosque. Further, the present structure of the Mosque is very weak and dilapidated. The relocation of mosque had been discussed by AAI with Chief Secretary, West Bengal on several occasions since 2011, the recent one being in November 2016 by Chairman, AAI. Two correspondences of AAI through Airport Director, Kolkata sent to Chief Secretary, West Bengal vide Letter No. AAC/I.M/363/Mosque/2210 dated 20.01.2011 (**Annexure-A**) and Commissioner of Police, Kolkata, West Bengal vide Letter No. AAC/AD-1(4)/MOSQUE (Pt)/ 68 Dated 17.09.2018 (**Annexure-B**) in this regards are enclosed.
- b. **Handing over of Gouripur Bus stand:** Gouripur Bus stand which is within the periphery of the airport at Kolkata is required to be handed over by the State Govt. to AAI. Govt. of West Bengal is requested to provide necessary help and coordination of police support for construction of Boundary Wall.

During the detailed deliberations, it was known that Andal (Durgapur) airport is about 147 km by air and 168 km by road and it takes about 3 hours to complete the road journey between Kolkata and Andal (Durgapur).

Decisions: Secretary, Civil Aviation intimated Chief Secretary, West Bengal Government that in the present situation, it is not possible to consider Andal (Durgapur) as second airport for Kolkata since Kolkata airport belongs to AAI, whereas Andal (Durgapur) airport is a private airport. However, in case, West Bengal Govt. is very keen and serious about it, Chief Secretary, West Bengal is requested to check the feasibility and hold a separate meeting to take this matter forward.

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- a. **Flight operations from Cooch Behar Airport:** Chief Secretary, Govt. of West Bengal intimated that Cooch Behar is an RCS airport. However, no operator is showing interest to start flights under RCS - UDAN Scheme. Strategy for successful bidding may be discussed.

Decisions: Executive Director (RCS Cell and Security), AAI intimated that co-ordination is in progress with SAOs to start RCS operations.

- b. **Balurghat and Malda Airport:** These two airports belong to AAI and State Government had taken on lease for their development to promote Civil Aviation in remote areas. Since, these are RCS airports, strategy for development and future operations along with starting of flights may be discussed.

Decisions: Executive Director (RCS Cell and Security), AAI intimated that co-ordination is in progress with SAOs to start RCS operations.

- c. **Operations from Burnpur Airport:** SAO has been selected under RCS – UDAN for starting of flights from Burnpur. Further development may be discussed.

Decisions: Executive Director (RCS Cell and Security), AAI intimated that co-ordination is in progress with SAOs to start RCS operations.

- d. **Operations under RCS – UDAN version 3.0:** SAOs had been selected under UDAN-3.0 for operations from Hashimara to Kolkata and from Kalaikunda to Bhubaneswar and Vishakhapatnam. It is learnt that AAI has approached IAF to allow operations from their existing bases. Present status regarding starting of operations may be discussed.

Decisions: Executive Director (RCS Cell and Security), AAI intimated that co-ordination is in progress with SAOs to start RCS operations.

- e. **Seaplane operations from Digha:** State Government is keen to start Seaplane operations from Digha. Strategy in this regard may be discussed.

Decisions: Executive Director (RCS Cell and Security), AAI intimated that co-ordination is in progress with SAOs to start RCS operations.

- f. **Kalaikunda Airport:** Kalaikunda Airstrip belongs to IAF and AAI is required to develop Civil Enclave for RCS operations. Following are the issues of AAI with State Government:

- 3. Handing over of 38 acres of land for new Civil Enclave.

Chief Secretary, West Bengal Govt. intimated that the State Govt. has been working on it and he will examine the matter and revert back at the earliest.

- g. **Hashimara Airport:** Hashimara Airstrip belongs to IAF and AAI is required to develop Civil Enclave for RCS operations. Following are the issues of AAI with State Govt.:

- i. Handing over of 38 acres of land for new Civil Enclave.

Chief Secretary, West Bengal Govt. intimated that the State Govt. has been working on it and he will examine the matter and revert at the earliest.

Decisions:

- a. After detailed deliberations, Secretary, Civil Aviation, advised West Bengal Govt. to reduce the VAT and Sales Tax on ATF for commercial flight operations so that the airlines will find it commercial viable to increase their operations. Secretary, Civil Aviation, also advised the State Government to consider incentives, over and above the RCS seats so that airline operators will come forward and add additional connectivity.
- b. It was advised that bidding for RCS-UDAN version 4.0 is in progress on the website of M/s MSTC Limited as per the intimation sent to all State Governments. West Bengal Govt. is requested to hold a meeting with the prospective airlines to provide better connectivity to various airports in West Bengal.

3. **Development of Bagdogra Airport:** As per AAI, Government of West Bengal has already approved acquisition of 104 acres of land for airport expansion. Process of land acquisition has been started by DM and it is expected that land shall be handed over in next six month time.

Member (Planning), AAI intimated that Bagdogra airport belongs to IAF and a Civil Enclave has been developed by AAI. The following are the issues of AAI with West Bengal Govt.:

- a. 104.65 acres of land is required to be handed over to AAI.
- b. Union Cabinet has granted approval for land acquisition and expansion of Airport. AAI Board has approved ₹25 Crore as compensation amount subject to land acquisition by West Bengal Govt.

Chief Secretary, West Bengal Govt. intimated that he will examine the matter and revert back on possibilities within a month.

The VC ended with Vote of Thanks to the Chair and all the participants.

Annexure - 1

Members who attended Video Conferencing held on 30.12.2019 with State Governments of Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal on Civil Aviation related issues.

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3	Shri Arun Kumar	Director General	DGCA
4	Smt. Usha Padhee	Joint Secretary	MoCA
5	Shri Amber Dubey	Joint Secretary	MoCA
8	Shri Rajeev Jain	Additional Director General (M&C)	MoCA
16	Shri D.C. Sharma	Deputy Director General	DGCA
9	Shri Ayush Mani Tiwari	Deputy Director General	BCAS
6	Shri Ajay Yadav	Director and PS to HMoS(I/C) CA	MoCA
10	Shri V. R. Hegde	Director	MoCA
11	Shri Deepak Sajwan	Under Secretary	MoCA
12	Shri Umesh Kumar Bhardwaj	Under Secretary	MoCA
13	Smt. Punitha S.	Deputy Director (M&C)	MoCA
14	Shri Dinesh Kumar	Deputy Director	MoCA
7	Shri C. M. Sharma	Addl. PS to HMoS(I/C) CA	MoCA
15	Shri S. N. Dwivedi	Consultant, RCS Cell	MoCA
17	Shri Anuj Aggarwal	Member (Human Resources)	AAI
18	Shri A. K. Pathak	Member (Planning)	AAI
19	Shri Vineet Gulati	Member (Air Navigation Services)	AAI
20	Shri I. N. Murthy	Member (Operations)	AAI
21	Shri Rakesh Kalra	Executive Director (Engineering) Northern Region	AAI
22	Capt. Raj K. Mallik	Executive Director (RCS Cell and Security)	AAI
23	Shri Pradeep Kumar	General Manager (RCS Cell)	AAI
24	Smt. Sangeeta Mahay	General Manager (Architecture)	AAI
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