

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 2013.

1. SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS.

- (i) Rajiv Gandhi National Aviation University Bill (RGNAU) has been passed in Lok Sabha on 06.09.2013 and in Rajya Sabha on 07.09.2013.
- (ii) After assent of the President of India, the RGNAU Act has been published as Act No.26 of 2013 in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 1 on 19.09.2013.
- (iii) The Civil Aviation Authority Bill was introduced in Lok Sabha on 20.08.2013 and was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee.
- (iv) The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport Tourism and Culture called a meeting on 24.09.2013 to discuss the Bill.

1.1 Airports Authority of India:

GAGAN PROJECT

- (i) GAGAN Certification documents have been handed over to DGCA.
- (ii) GAGAN System Certification for RNP 0.1 service by DGCA is reported by October, 2013.
- (iii) Expenditure for the month of September, 2013 is Rs.4.02 lakhs towards various activities under GAGAN Project.
- (iv) Cumulative Expenditure for the FY 2013/14 is Rs.73.37 crores.
- (v) AAI has submitted two Working Papers, one on “the need for review of criteria for Obstacle Limitation Surfaces” and another on “the need for ICAO to develop suitable guidelines for near parallel runway operations at the on-going 38 Assembly Session of ICAO in Montreal. The papers have been well received by other States and have been referred by Assembly to the Council for further action.

- (vi) AAI has also submitted three information papers detailing our ANS achievements, green initiatives and sub-regional ATM Collaborative initiatives by India.
- (vii) ASR/MSSR has been commissioned at Cochin and Trivandrum, thereby enhancing surveillance capability in the critical airspace around Cochin, Calicut, Trivandrum and enhancing safety of aircraft operations in the region. The aircraft would also get User Preferred Flight profile and direct routing thereby resulting in fuel savings and reduced emission, in addition to improved on-time performance.
- (viii) Performance Based Navigation-RNAV 1 Standard Instrument Departure Routes and Arrival Routes have been established at Guwahati, permitting optimised departure and arrival paths for the aircraft and enhancing safety of aircraft operations, in addition to reduced pilot and controller workload.
- (ix) Against the yearly target of 99.85% for "Availability of Navigation & Surveillance Aids", 99.88% has been achieved for Agusut, 2013.
- (x) Foundation stone laid for the development of Kishangarh Airport in Rajasthan by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.

1.2 Monthly Report on important activities & events for the month of August, 2013 as required by Cabinet Secretariat vide OM dated 2nd May, 2013:

| (Rupees in crores) | | | |
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| Subject | 2013-14 Target | Cumulative Achievement at the end of the month of reporting in 2013-14. | Cumulative Achievement at the end of the corresponding month in 2012-13. |
| <u>Investment by AAI:</u> | | | |
| i) Made by AAI for its own projects. | 2060.00 | 291.34 | 414.12 |
| ii) By AAI in JVCs (equity) | 242.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Total investment by AAI (including PPP, Greenfield and Brownfield Airports). | 2863.50 | 991.00 | 1381.48 |
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1.3 Profits earned / loss incurred by Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs) under the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

- (i) The Airports Authority of India (AAI) has earned a profit of **Rs.61.82 crores** after deduction of tax during the month of **September, 2013.**
- (ii) The Pawan Hans Limited (PHL) has earned a net profit of **Rs. 0.51 crores (Provisional unaudited)** after deduction of tax during the month **of September, 2013.**

1.4 Report of the Attached Sub-ordinate offices / PSUs under the Ministry of Civil Aviation:-

1.4.1 Directorate General of Civil Aviation:-

- i) During the month of September, 2013, a total of 821 flight clearances were accorded including 02 Nos. of Tourist Charter flights. Non-Scheduled Operator Permits issued – Nil, and 02 Non-Scheduled Operator Permit was renewed during this month.
- ii) Renewal of Private Aerodrome License of Rajgarh and Birlagram Airport.
- iii) Approval of safety assessment for operation of B767-200/300 ER aircraft during Haj operations at Varanasi Airport.
- iv) Approval of safety assessment for approval of two new flexible parking stands to accommodate Non-scheduled Haj flight at Lucknow Airport.
- v) During the month of September, 2013, twenty eight (28) Bird hit incidents have been reported.
- vi) During the month of September, 2013, 260 Nos. of Aircrew licenses and ratings were issued including 38 Nos. of Foreign Aircrew Type Authorization (FATA).
- vii) Surveillance inspection of Thiruvananthapuram, Amritsar and Lucknow Airports have been carried out.

- viii) Inspection of Rajgarh Aerodrome has been carried out.
- ix) Site inspection of Kalyan Helipad, Thrissur and Kerala have been carried out.
- x) During the month of September, 2013, New registration of aircraft - 02, Change of ownership/Changes of C of R - 15,
De-Registration of Aircraft - 13 and Foreign AME License renewed - 12.
- xi) Proposal of AAI for grant of site clearance and in-principle approval for development of Greenfield Airport at Androth, Union Territory of Lakshadweep.

Air Services Agreement

India-Sri Lanka

The delegations representing the Government of Republic of India and the Government of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka met in Colombo on 12-13 September, 2013 for consultation on air services matters.

During the talks, both delegations initiated the text of the Air Services Agreement between both the countries. The new ASA includes all the latest provisions relating to aviation.

1.4.2

Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS): -

- i) During the month of **September, 2013**, Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) officers conducted **Thirty Seven (37) dummy checks**.
- ii) The BCAS Training Faculty organized **Twenty Two (22) Basic AVSEC Programmes and Seventeen (17) Screener Programmes**.
- iii) The BCAS team visited **Eighteen (18)** airports for security audits & inspections.

- iv) Surprise check of security arrangements at **Twelve (12)** airports were carried out.

1.4.3 Commission of Railway Safety (CRS):-

During the month of **September, 2013**, there is one statutory inquiry was taken up:

(A) Unusual Occurrence of run over of persons by Train No.12567 Up Rajyarani Express at Dhamara Ghat Railway Station on Samastipur Division of East Central Railway on 19.8.2013. As a result of this accident, 28 persons were killed, 4 persons were grievously injured and 7 persons got simple injuries.

Accidents, wherein persons are runover by trains, do not fall in the ambit of Section 114 of the Railway Act and are not inquired by Commissioners. Hon'ble Minister of Railways on 19.8.2013 gave a statement on the floor of the House, on the above mentioned accident. Statement, interalia contained that "...I have spoken to the Hon. Minister of Civil Aviation to issue directions to Commissioner of Railway Safety to enquire into the matter..." . Subsequently, Chairman Railway Board addressed a letter to the Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation for getting the accident inquired by the Commissioner of Railway Safety. Accordingly, the inquiry into this accident has been taken up.

- (B) During the month of **September, 2013**, statutory inspections were conducted before opening of **Two (02)** line for public carriage of passengers.
- (C) During the month of **September, 2013, 05 (Five)** Periodical or other Inspections of Railway made by the Commissioners of Railway Safety.
