

Airport Advisory Committee meeting held at Chennai International Airport.

Chennai, 19.08.2022: The Airport Advisory Committee (AAC) meeting was convened under the Chairmanship of Thiru T. R. Baalu, Member of Parliament (LS), at Chennai International Airport today to review the developmental aspects and other points pertaining to passenger facilitation of Airport. The meeting discussed broadly on the terminal & airside development and the progress of works in hand.

The meeting primarily dwelled up on issues concerning the Chennai Airport modernisation project, airside enhancement works and acquisition of land pockets identified for development. The Modernisation phase II, which is underway will be able to cater to 35 MPPA, which is a seamless increase from the existing capacity of 17 MPPA. However, in consonance with the terminal capacity increase, airside works are also in progress to meet the demand and the land pockets which are already identified and needed to be acquired for further development. Commissioning of the Bravo taxiway, Rapid Exit Taxiway (RET) -3, R & N Taxiways have quickened aircraft movement between runway(s) and apron(s) and with commissioning of RET 01 & 02 in coming months will take peak hour handling capacity from 36/hr to 45/hr.

The obstacles on the approach path of secondary runway is affecting its optimum usage. As the obstacles have been surveyed already, Chairman AAC advised the concerned district administration(s) to initiate measures to clear obstacles on the approach path to enable wide bodied aircraft operations. He also directed to submit a detailed projection on the land requirements for following up with the State government.

The drain passing through Pammal area beneath main runway is a cause of concern as sewage water entering into airport can damage

the Instrument Landing Systems (ILS) during torrential rains. As the land has been handed over for diversion of drain, it was instructed to closely pursue with district administration for allocation of necessary funds to complete the work on priority. Airline Operations Committee highlighted the point of bringing in more ground handlers which can quicken ground operations in airside and faster baggage delivery. Chairman AAC confirmed to bring up the issue before Aviation ministry.

The bird hits have been a serious safety hazard for the airport posing threat to aircraft operations. The meeting called for coordinated efforts from Greater Chennai Corporation, Cantonment Board and District administration, Chengalpattu for reviewing the prevalent waste disposal methods so that the bird menace can be reduced. The presence of touts at the arrival was also discussed. Chairman AAC directed Police Authorities to have a strict vigil and ensure no such anti-social activity are allowed at the airport.

Chairman AAC instructed the Airline Operations Committee to ensure in flight announcements in consonance with respective arriving terminals - "Anna International Terminal" and "Kamaraj Domestic Terminal. Also, deployment of CISF personnel speaking local language to be positioned in the passenger interaction areas was discussed. The same is expected to ensure better facilitation of passengers.

Other points including manpower in immigration, CTO (Consent to operate) from Pollution control board for commissioning of MLCP, were also discussed.

The meeting commended the remarkable efforts of Chennai International Airport staff, stakeholders and governmental agencies to ensure smooth transit of Players and contingent for Chess Olympiad. Dr. Sharad Kumar, Airport Director, Chennai

International Airport briefed the core points. The meeting was attended by Thiru I. Karunanithi, MLA (Pallavaram); Thiru S.R.Raja ,MLA (Tambaram), Thiru M.A. Vaithiyalingam (Ex MLA) ;Thiru A.R. Rahul Nadh IAS, District Collector ,Chengalpattu ;Senior officials from Greater Chennai Corporation, local bodies and State Police; Airlines (AOC) and airport stakeholders including Customs , Immigration and CISF.