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ADS- B Working Group Meeting from 28th-30th November 2011 at Chennai, India

The Seventh Meeting of the South East Asia & Bay of Bengal Sub- regional ADS-B Implementation Working Group (SEA/BOB ADS -B WG/7) is being held from 28 to 30 November, 2011 in Chennai, India. The objective of the meeting is to develop sub- regional ADS-B Implementation Plan for the Bay of Bengal area based on confirmed national plans and the Work Programme of the Working Group to progress the implementation of ADS-B in the south East Asia and Bay of Bengal sub regions. Following issues are being deliberated in the meeting: -

- Review of sub-regional implementation plans.
- Near term implementation plan in Bay of Bengal.
- Update on Near-term implementation plans in South China Sea.
- Identification of potential projects in Eastern part of South China Sea area.
- Harmonization of ADS- B regulations , rules and procedures.

At APANPIRG 22 in September , 2011 India announced plans to install ADS-B at 14 locations viz. Jaipur, Lucknow, Calicut, Agartala, Trivendrum , Ahemdabad, Guwahati ,Port blair , Nagpur, Managlore, Coimbatore, Cochin, Varanasi and Amritsar. The ADS-B station at Port Blair in particular would cater to increasing en- route traffic in the Bay of Bengal area. As on date Airports Authority of India is in process of evaluating the global tenders for ADS-B . The first phase of ADS-B implementation plan is likely to be completed by end of 2012.

For seamless ATM operations, States planning to implement ADS-B need to work closely with their neighbours to achieve the maximum benefits for international flights and the region as a whole. Neighbouring States need to harmonise their plans and in cases of overlapping surveillance coverage across the borders, sharing of ADS-B data and VHF communications should be done to enhance air safety and capacity and enable seam less airspace across the boundaries.

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