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**Hon'ble Civil Aviation Minister appreciated AAI's Energy Conservations Initiatives.**

**New Delhi, 11<sup>th</sup> June,2016** – Minister of Civil Aviation Sh. Ashok Gajapati Raju along with Hon'ble Minister of state Sh. Jayant Sinha on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2016 while reviewing the progress of AAI projects on conservation of energy and maximum use of non-conventional sources of energy at all airports Minister of Civil Aviation Sh. Ashok Gajapati Raju appreciated the efforts made so far by AAI and directed Chairman AAI to step up its efforts for maximum use of non-conventional energy at remaining airports.

The review meeting was attended by Secretary Ministry of Civil Aviation along with other seniors officer of ministry, Chairman, Airports Authority of India, Sh. Sudhir Raheja alongwith Regional Executive Directors and Airports Directors of different AAI regions/airports.

Hon'ble Ministers were informed by Chairman, AAI that it has already installed and commissioned roof top Solar plants at 16 airports (including 1 at Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan, Safdarjung Airport).Further at 11 other airports, the work of installation of solar power projects are in progress and likely to be completed during next 3-4 months. In addition to this, three major projects on solar power plants at Kolkata, Jaipur and Chandigarh with a combined installed capacity of 19.8 MW is likely to be completed by Dec.2016. AAI have also planned solar power plants with a combined capacity of 116 MW at 16 other airports subject to resolving the issue of net metering and feeding tariff with the respective governments where these airports are located.

In the past AAI's efforts towards Renewable Energy / Energy Conservation have been appreciated at various platforms and "National Excellence Awards 2016" for roof top Solar Power Projects in the Public Sector Undertakings Category was awarded in June this year at Vigyan Bhavan.

To sum up at various airports the solar energy generated so far is 51 Lakhs Unit. This has help in reduction in carbon foot print which is a major factor for climate change for which are Hon'ble Prime Minister has been perusing at various International form. AAI has reduced 4600 Metric tons of carbon emission solely from the installed solar plants.

In the end Minister directed Chairman AAI to provide similar plants at other smaller airports also by using the latest technology.

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