

Airports Authority of India

Press Release

Subject: Implementation of ILS CAT-III B at Jaipur & Lucknow Airports

New Delhi, 10th December, 2016:

Airports Authority of India (AAI) has implemented Instrument Landing System (ILS) – Category-III B at its Jaipur and Lucknow Airports with effect from 08 December, 2016.

The implementation of above system at these airports has made them equal to IGI Airport, Delhi in terms of standards of landing facilities for aircraft. This system is capable of guiding the pilot of an arriving aircraft to land in low visibility / foggy conditions until the runway visual range (visibility on runway in the direction of landing) does not reduce below 50 meters.

Normally Airports in North India are prone to low visibility conditions due to fog / smog etc. The implementation of above system required provision of various facilities to ensure the safe operation of an aircraft in the low visibility conditions. These facilities include appropriate ILS CAT-IIIB equipment and procedure for landing, Advanced Surface Movement & Guidance Control System, RVR instruments (provided by India Met. Dept.), Aeronautical Ground Lights (Approach Lighting System, Runway Centre Line Lights, Taxiway Centre Line Lights etc.) and Low Visibility Procedures as per international standards.

The above work was completed by AAI in less than two years' time with minimum disruption to flights at these major airports. Subsequently, AAI obtained the requisite approval from the regulatory authority, i.e., DGCA before implementing ILS CAT-III B at these airports from 08 Dec., 2016. This system will help those airlines and aircraft operators, whose pilots and aircraft are approved by DGCA to operate in low visibility conditions at these airports.

"I am very happy that AAI has been able to complete this complex assignment in two of our busy airports in just 2 years. Further we are working to achieve similar CAT-III B status in Kolkata and Amritsar Airports before the end of 2017. This will be a major addition to the operational capabilities of AAI's Airport" – said Guruprasad Mohapatra, Chairman of AAI.

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