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**Government of India  
Airports Authority of India  
R G Bhawan, New Delh**

Dated: 20/01/2025

**Registration Number : AAOIN/R/X/25/00003**

Dear Sir/Madam

I am to refer to your Request for Information under RTI Act 2005, received vide letter dated 06/01/2025 and to say that *AAI is neither the Project Proponent nor the custodian of the information sought regarding the proposed Greenfield Airports in the States of Andhra Pradesh and Odisha. Respective State Govt. is the custodian of the information sought. The RTI application was already marked to MoCA. In this regard, the information may be obtained directly from the State Govt.*

*On the request of the State Govt., AAI conducts pre-feasibility study for the sites selected by the State Govt. It is important to note that any information held by AAI about the pre-feasibility study conducted on behalf of the State Govt. is held by the public authority i.e. AAI, in fiduciary capacity and, therefore, exempted under section 8(1)(e) of the RTI Act 2005.*

*Additionally, the applicant may like to go through the Greenfield Airport Policy 2008 and National Civil Aviation Policy 2016 available on public domain.*

*Suggested websites are as follows*

*[https://civilaviation.gov.in/sites/default/files/migration/moca\\_000939\\_0.pdf](https://civilaviation.gov.in/sites/default/files/migration/moca_000939_0.pdf)*

*[https://www.aai.aero/sites/default/files/basic\\_page\\_files/Final\\_NCAP\\_2016\\_15-06-2016-3%20%281%29.pdf](https://www.aai.aero/sites/default/files/basic_page_files/Final_NCAP_2016_15-06-2016-3%20%281%29.pdf)*

In case, you want to go for an appeal in connection with the information provided, you may appeal to the Appellate Authority indicated below within **thirty days** from the date of receipt of this letter.

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**Yours faithfully**

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**RTI REQUEST DETAILS (आरटीआई अनुरोध विवरण)**

<b>Registration Number</b> (पंजीकरण संख्या) :	AAOIN/R/X/25/00003	<b>Date of Receipt</b> (प्राप्ति की तारीख) :	19/01/2025
<b>Transferred From (से स्थानांतरित):</b>	Ministry of Civil Aviation on 19/01/2025 With Reference Number : MOCAV/R/E/25/00014		
<b>Type of Receipt (रसीद का प्रकार) :</b>	Electronically Transferred from Other Public Authority	<b>Language of Request</b> (अनुरोध की भाषा) :	English
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<b>Information Sought (जानकारी मांगी):</b>	Transferred under Section 6(3) of RTI Act for furnishing available information on relevant points directly to the applicant.		
<b>Original RTI Text (मूल आरटीआई पाठ):</b>	<p>This RTI application seeks information regarding the proposed Greenfield airports in Andhra Pradesh and Odisha. The key queries include:</p> <p>Sompeta Airport (Andhra Pradesh):</p> <p>Status of land acquisition and feasibility studies. Steps to address farmers concerns. Reason for Shifting from Palasa to Sompeta:</p> <p>Findings of feasibility studies and stakeholder consultations. Brahmapur Airport (Odisha):</p> <p>Status of proposals, feasibility studies, and steps taken so far. Suggestion for a New Airport Between Sompeta and Brahmapur:</p>		

Consideration and criteria for site selection.

Future Plans:

Roadmap for airports in Southern Odisha and Northern Andhra Pradesh.  
Impact of Bhogapuram airport completion on these projects.

Certified copies of relevant documents and reports are requested.

This summary provides a concise overview of the detailed application attached in the PDF.

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**ACTION HISTORY OF RTI REQUEST No.MOCAV/R/E/25/00014****Applicant Name****Text of Application**

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**Reply of Application**

SN.	Action Taken	Date of Action	Action Taken By	Remarks
1	RTI REQUEST RECEIVED	06/01/2025	Nodal Officer	
2	REQUEST FORWARDED TO CPIO	07/01/2025	Nodal Officer	Forwarded to CPIO(s) : (1) Amit Kumar Jha
3	REQUEST PARTIALLY TRANSFERRED TO OTHER PUBLIC AUTHORITY	19/01/2025	Amit Kumar Jha-(CPIO)	1) Airports Authority of India : vide registration number AAOIN/R/X/25/00003

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Date: 06<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**To**

The Public Information Officer (PIO)  
Ministry of Civil Aviation  
Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan  
Safdarjung Airport  
New Delhi - 110003

**Subject: Request for Information under RTI Act, 2005 Regarding Greenfield Airport Projects**

**Respected Sir/Madam,**

Under the provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2005, I kindly request you to provide the following information regarding the proposed Greenfield airport projects in Andhra Pradesh and Odisha:

**Information Requested:**

**1. Details of Proposed Greenfield Airport at Sompeta, Andhra Pradesh:**

- Current status of land acquisition in Sompeta Mandal (Baruva, Palasapuram, Lakkavaram, and Korlam).
- Feasibility studies conducted for the site, along with outcomes and recommendations.
- Steps taken to address farmers' concerns and ensure their consent.

**2. Reason for Shifting the Proposed Airport from Palasa to Sompeta:**

- Key findings from the feasibility study in Palasa and Mandasa Mandals that led to this decision.
- Details of consultations with stakeholders and local communities.

**3. Plans for a Greenfield Airport at Brahmapur, Odisha:**

- Whether the Ministry has received proposals or requests for a Greenfield airport in Brahmapur, Odisha.
- Feasibility studies, if any, conducted for this project.
- Steps taken so far for establishing an airport in Brahmapur and any inter-state coordination efforts.

**4. Decision on Airport Between Sompeta and Brahmapur:**

- Whether the Ministry has considered the suggestion of establishing an airport between Sompeta and Brahmapur based on land availability.
- The criteria or guidelines used to select sites for new Greenfield airports.

**5. Future Plans for Greenfield Airports in Southern Odisha and Northern Andhra Pradesh:**

- Any timeline or roadmap for airport projects in these regions.
- The role of Bhogapuram airport completion in influencing decisions on other projects.

**Additional Information:**

- Please provide certified copies of all relevant documents, communications, reports, and studies related to the above queries.
- Details of any meetings or consultations conducted with officials, stakeholders, or organizations regarding these airport projects.

**Mode of Information:**

I request that the information be provided in the form of certified copies (hard copy) to the address provided below.

I request the information be provided within the stipulated time frame of 30 days as per the RTI Act, 2005.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Currently, people from these three districts (Ganjam, Gajapati, and Srikakulam) heavily depend on airports in Bhubaneswar or Visakhapatnam, which are approximately 180-300 km away, requiring a minimum of 5 hours of travel. The distance details are as follows:

S.N.	District/State	From	To	Distance to Current Airport	Distance to Brahmapur
1.	Ganjam, Odisha	Berhampur	Bhubaneswar	180km	0km
2.	Berhampur	Berhampur	Visakhapatnam	285km	0km
3.	Ganjam, Odisha	Aska	Bhubaneswar	165km	40km
4.	Aska	Aska	Visakhapatnam	320km	0km
5.	Ganjam, Odisha	Bhanjanagar	Visakhapatnam	170km	80km
6.	Bhanjanagar	Bhanjanagar	Visakhapatnam	360km	0km
7.	Gajapati, Odisha	Paralakhemundi	Bhubaneswar	285km	118km
8.	Paralakhemundi	Paralakhemundi	Visakhapatnam	205km	0km
9.	Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh	Ichchapuram	Bhubaneswar	195km	25km
10.	Ichchapuram	Ichchapuram	Visakhapatnam	255km	0km

