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

Dated: 11/04/2025

To

Registration Number : AAOIN/R/E/25/00541

Dear Sir/Madam

I am to refer to your Request for Information under RTI Act 2005, received vide letter dated 10/04/2025 and to say that *As per the available information, AAI is not the Project Proponent for the proposed Greenfield Airport at Sultanganj in Bhagalpur district of Bihar. Signing CPIO is not the custodian of the information sought. Respective State Govt. is the custodian of the information sought.*

1. Regarding OLS surveys, the RTI Application has been partly transferred to GM ATM Survey / CPIO.

2. On the request of the State Govt., AAI conducts pre-feasibility study including proposed Runway lengths 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 information sought involves commercial and security aspects, including strategic and economic considerations. Disclosure could affect stakeholder interests and land acquisition processes. Therefore, it is also exempt under Section 8(1)(d) of the RTI Act, 2005. The information may be obtained directly from the State Govt.

3. State Govt. / Project Proponent, in accordance with the GOI Greenfield Airport Policy 2008, has to submit Site Clearance Application and In-principle approval application to MoCA and not to AAI. The RTI Application has been partly transferred to MoCA.

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.

Nandita Bhatt
FAA & ED Planning
Address: R G Bhawan, New Delhi
Phone No.: 20818226

Yours faithfully

**(Dr. Gursewak Manish)
CPIO & GM (Planning)
Phone No.: 24610556
Email : gmplga@aai.aero**

ACTION HISTORY OF RTI REQUEST No.AAOIN/R/E/25/00541**Applicant Name****Text of Application**

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Reply of Application

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SN.	Action Taken	Date of Action	Action Taken By	Remarks
1	RTI REQUEST RECEIVED	10/04/2025	Nodal Officer	
2	REQUEST FORWARDED TO CPIO	11/04/2025	Nodal Officer	Forwarded to CPIO(s) : (1) Dr. Gursewak Manish
3	REQUEST TRANSFERRED TO OTHER CPIO	11/04/2025	Dr. Gursewak Manish- (CPIO)	Transferred to CPIO(s) : (1) Sandip Mukhopadhyay
4	REQUEST PARTIALLY TRANSFERRED TO OTHER PUBLIC AUTHORITY	11/04/2025	Dr. Gursewak Manish- (CPIO)	1) Ministry of Civil Aviation : vide registration number MOCAV/R/X/25/00012; 2) Airports Authority of India : vide registration number AAOIN/R/E/25/00541/1
5	REQUEST DISPOSED OF	11/04/2025	Dr. Gursewak Manish- (CPIO)	

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Dated: 11/04/2025

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Registration Number : AAOIN/R/E/25/00541

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find herewith a copy of a Request for Information received under RTI Act 2005 from:

Shri Navin Anand
Village-Wazirabad, Gali no 6, Delhi

The Request is being partially transferred to you for necessary action.

Yours faithfully

**(Dr. Gursewak Manish)
CPIO & GM (Planning)
Phone No.: 24610556
Email : gmplga@aai.aero**

Encl: As above

Copy to:



RTI Request & Appeal Management Information System(RTI-MIS)

HOME SEARCH ASSESSMENT UTILITY DPIO FAA LETTERS REPORTS USER MANUAL LOGOUT

ASSESSMENT OF PENDING REQUEST

Public Authority: Airports Authority of India

Role : CPIO

User : Dr. Gursewak Manish

Registration Number (पंजीकरण संख्या) : AAOIN/R/E/25/00541		 View Request Details	View Action History
Name (नाम):			
Text of RTI Application (सूचना का अधिकार आवेदन का पाठ):	India for the proposed Greenfield Airport at Sultanganj in Bhagalpur district of Bihar? 2) What is the Runway Length of this proposed greenfield airport at Sultanganj (Bhagalpur)? 3) Has Govt of Bihar submitted the application to AAI for obtaining site clearance for greenfield airport at Sultanganj (Bhagalpur)?		
Current Status(वर्तमान स्थिति):		REQUEST TRANSFERRED TO OTHER CPIO as on 11/04/2025	
*Interim/Final Action(अंतरिम / अंतिम कार्रवाई):		PARTIALLY TRANSFER REQUEST TO OTHER PUBLIC AUTHORITY - आवेदन आंशि...	
* Select public Authority(ies)(लोक प्राधिकारी का चयन करें)		Ministry of Civil Aviation	
* Part of RTI text to be transferred to Ministry of Civil Aviation को आरटीआई पाठ के भाग को हस्तांतरित किया जायेगा :		Pertains to MoCA, hence partly transferred. 3) Has Govt of Bihar submitted the application to AAI for obtaining site clearance for greenfield airport at Sultanganj (Bhagalpur)?	
Submit			

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ASSESSMENT OF NEW REQUEST(नए अनुरोध का आकलन)

Public Authority: Airports Authority of India

Role : CPIO

User : Dr. Gursewak Manish

Note : Fields marked with * are Mandatory.(नोट : * से चिह्नित फ़ील्ड अनिवार्य हैं)

Registration Number (पंजीकरण संख्या) :	AAOIN/R/E/25/00541  View Request Details
Type of Receipt (रसीद का प्रकार) :	Online Receipt
Date of Receipt (प्राप्ति की तारीख) :	10/04/2025
Language of Request (अनुरोध की भाषा) :	English
Name (नाम) :	
Gender (लिंग) :	Male
Address (पता) :	
Phone Number (फोन नंबर) :	Details not provided
Mobile Number (मोबाईल नंबर) :	Details not provided
Email-ID (ईमेल-आईडी) :	
Country (देश) :	India
State (राज्य) :	Delhi
Status (स्थिति) :	Rural
Educational Status (शैक्षणिक स्थिति) :	Graduate
Citizenship Status (नागरिकता) :	Indian
Is Requester Below Poverty Line ? (क्या आवेदक गरीबी रेखा से नीचे का है?) :	No
Amount Paid (राशि का भुगतान)(₹) :	10
Does it concern the life or Liberty of a Person? (क्या यह किसी व्यक्ति के जीवन अथवा स्वतंत्रता से संबंधित है?) :	No(Normal)
Request Pertains to (अनुरोध निम्नलिखित संबंधित है) :	Dr. Gursewak Manish
Text of RTI Application (सूचना का अधिकार आवेदन का पाठ) :	
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Please Select the Category of Request (अनुरोध की श्रेणी का चयन करें) :	-- PLEASE SELECT CATEGORY --
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* Select PIO(s) (PIO(s) का चयन करें) :	<input type="text" value="Sandip Mukhopadhyay"/>
<i>(The list includes the name of CPIOs Who are not having any part of this application.)</i>	
* Part of Application For Sandip Mukhopadhyay	Partly transferred related to OLS survey. 1) Whether OLS survey completed or scheduled by Airports Authority of India for the proposed Greenfield Airport at Sultanganj in Bhagalpur district
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RTI REQUEST DETAILS (आरटीआई अनुरोध विवरण)

Registration Number (पंजीकरण संख्या) :	AAOIN/R/E/25/00541	Date of Receipt (प्राप्ति की तारीख) :	10/04/2025
Type of Receipt (रसीद का प्रकार) :	Online Receipt	Language of Request (अनुरोध की भाषा) :	English
Name (नाम) :		Gender (लिंग) :	Male
Address (पता) :			
State (राज्य) :	Delhi	Country (देश) :	India
Phone Number (फोन नंबर) :	Details not provided	Mobile Number (मोबाईल नंबर) :	Details not provided
Email-ID (ईमेल-आईडी) :			
Status (स्थिति)(Rural/Urban) :	Rural	Education Status :	Graduate
Is Requester Below Poverty Line ? (क्या आवेदक गरीबी रेखा से नीचे का है?) :	No	Citizenship Status (नागरिकता) :	Indian
Amount Paid (राशि का भुगतान) :	10) (original recipient)	Mode of Payment (भुगतान का प्रकार) :	Payment Gateway
Does it concern the life or Liberty of a Person? (क्या यह किसी व्यक्ति के जीवन अथवा स्वतंत्रता से संबंधित है?) :	No(Normal)	Request Pertains to (अनुरोध निम्नलिखित संबंधित है) :	Dr. Gursewak Manish
Information Sought (जानकारी मांगी) :	<p>1) Whether OLS survey completed or scheduled by Airports Authority of India for the proposed Greenfield Airport at Sultanganj in Bhagalpur district of Bihar?</p> <p>2) What is the Runway Length of this proposed greenfield airport at Sultanganj (Bhagalpur)?</p> <p>3) Has Govt of Bihar submitted the application to AAI for obtaining site clearance for greenfield airport at Sultanganj (Bhagalpur)?</p>		
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**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3345
(To be answered on the 20th March 2025)**

GREENFIELD AIRPORT IN BIHAR

3345. SMT VIJAYLAKSHMI DEVI

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposals for setting up of new Greenfield airports in Bihar and if so, the details thereof along with the progress made on the said proposals;
- (b) the details of the funds allocated and utilised so far for the construction of new Greenfield airports;
- (c) the stance of the Government regarding the district-wise land availability proposals received for Greenfield airports; and
- (d) whether the Government has finalized the selection of suitable land and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (d): Government of India (GoI) has formulated a Greenfield Airports (GFA) Policy, 2008 which provides guidelines, procedure and conditions for establishment of new Greenfield Airports in the country. As per the policy, if any airport developer including the State Government desires to develop an airport, they are required to identify a suitable site and get the Pre-feasibility Study conducted for construction of airport and submit a proposal to the Central Government for 'Site Clearance' followed by 'In-Principle' approval.

As per the GFA Policy, the responsibility for implementation of the Greenfield airport project including land acquisition, R&R, funding etc. lies with the concerned airport developer or the State Government, as the case may be.

Government of Bihar (GoB) vide their letter dated 24.01.2025 had submitted a proposal to Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) for grant of 'Site Clearance' for establishment of a Greenfield Airport at Rajgir in Bihar. However, the

proposal has been returned by MoCA vide letter dated 31.01.2025 with certain observations, requesting GoB to submit the duly filled Site Clearance application along with requisite documents.

Besides on the request of GoB, a team of AAI officials has carried out Site visit at Bhagalpur from 17th to 19th February, 2025 for Pre-feasibility Study regarding development of a Greenfield Airport there.

GoB, being the project proponent, is required to submit duly filled application seeking 'Site Clearance' for development of Greenfield Airport(s) in Bihar as per the GFA Policy.
