

Passed by:

ED (Engg), MIS & STD.
& First Appellate Authority
Airports Authority of India
'A' Block, Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan
Safdarjung Airport,
New Delhi-110003

In the matter of:

Order No. AAI/CHQ/ED (Engg.) MIS & STD/ RTI Appeal/2026

Dt. 11.06.2026

1. PREAMBLE

This order is made under section 19 of the RTI Act 2005.

An appeal against this order may be filed with Central Information Commission, CIC Bhawan, Baba Gang Nath Marg, Near Staff Quarters, Old JNU Campus, Munirka, New Delhi - 110037. The appeal may be filed within 90 days from the date on which this order should have been made or is actually received.

2. FACTS

[REDACTED] has made RTI Registration No. AAOIN/R/E/26/00673 dt. 01.05.2026 vide online seeking the following information:

S. No.	Query
1.	Provide total project cost including original sanctioned cost and revised cost if any along with year wise expenditure and source of funding such as government budget loan or private investment
2.	Provide details of all major contractors concessionaires or implementing agencies involved including name mode of selection such as tender EPC PPP and contract value
3.	Provide copies of work orders agreements or concession agreements executed with contractors or private operators
4.	Provide current status including date of completion operational status passenger handling capacity and actual utilisation since commencement
5.	Provide details of revenue generated expenditure incurred and recovery of investment since the airport became operational Also provide any available assessment reports regarding economic benefits such as employment generation regional development passenger growth or trade impact

3. DECISION OF CPIO AGAINST WHICH THE APPEAL IS FILED

In response to the Applicant's queries, the In-Charge General Manager (Engg-C) Str /CPIO-MIS & STD, AAI, CHQ, New Delhi, has sent reply to applicant vide letter No. AAI/CHQ/Engg(C)-MIS/CPIO-RTI/O/2026 dated 04.06.2026.

Copy of the reply to applicant is enclosed.

4. REASONS FOR APPEAL OF THE APPELLANT

The applicant further appealed vide Registration No. AAOIN/A/E/26/00165 dt. 04.06.2026 to First Appellate Authority, Sh. J.T. Radha Krishna, ED (Engg), MIS & STD, under the RTI Act 2005 that:

"In my RTI application. I had sought information in larger public interest regarding airport infrastructure projects, including project cost, revised cost, year-wise expenditure, funding source, contractor or concessionaire details, mode of selection, contract value, work orders, agreements, operational status, capacity utilisation, revenue, expenditure, investment recovery and public or economic benefits. I respectfully clarify that the information was not sought for one single airport only. The RTI was intended to seek available information regarding recently operational airport projects across India or under Airports Authority of India, wherever such records are available. The issue concerns public funds, national infrastructure, regional development. Employment generation, passenger utilisation and accountability of public assets.

Therefore, the matter should not be treated narrowly or disposed of only by saying that the information is not specific.

The CPIO has given only a general reply stating '... the information sought is not specific. No point-wise information has been supplied. No clarification was sought from me. No list of recently operational airport projects was provided. No available national-level compiled record was supplied. No part of the application was transferred to concerned airport offices, regional offices, project divisions or other record-holding authorities under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act.

If the CPIO required project-wise or airport-wise clarification, the same could have been sought from the applicant. Alternatively, the CPIO could have provided information in available form, such as list of recently operational AAI airport projects and available project-wise records. If some records are held by regional or project offices, the application should have been transferred under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act.

I request the First Appellate Authority to kindly direct the CPIO to provide a fresh point-wise reply and available records regarding recently operational airport projects across India or under AAI, including project cost, expenditure, funding source, contractor details, selection mode, contract value, work orders, agreements, operational status, capacity, utilisation, revenue, expenditure, investment recovery and available assessment reports regarding employment generation, regional development, passenger growth, trade impact or economic benefits.

If the information is held by regional offices, airport directors, project divisions or any other public authority, kindly direct transfer under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act. If any record is not available or not maintained, the same may kindly be clearly stated point-wise.

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5. FINDING / ORDER OF FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY

Having gone through the case, the RTI applicant sought the information from the In-Charge General Manager (Engg-C) Str /CPIO-MIS & STD, AAI, CHQ, New Delhi, has sent reply to applicant vide letter no. AAI/CHQ/Engg(C)-MIS/CPIO-RTI/O/2026 dated 19.05.2026.

The RTI applicant query has been reviewed and the point wise observations/information are as per the following.

1. As per the public information available on <https://www.aai.aero/en/corporate/aai-today>

"AAI manages 137 airports, which include 24 International Airports (including 3 International Civil Enclaves), 10 Customs Airports (including 4 Customs Civil Enclaves), 80 Domestic Airports and 23 Domestic Civil Enclaves at Defence airfields. AAI also provides Air Traffic Management Services (ATMS) over entire Indian Air Space and adjoining oceanic areas with ground installations at all Airports and 25 other locations to ensure safety of Aircraft operations."

Further AAI have multiple departments and details of same are available on AAI website www.aai.aero

In view of above, the information sought is not specific in nature.

Specific information can be sought from respective Airports as respective airports are custodian of documents.

With this, the online First Appeal dt: 04.06.2026 of [REDACTED] hereby stands disposed off with the above decision.

Encls; as above


J.T. Radha Krishna
Executive Director (Engg), MIS & STD.
First Appellate Authority

RTI APPEAL DETAILS (आरटीआई अपील विवरण)	
Appeal Registration Number (अपील पंजीकरण संख्या) :	AAOIN/A/E/26/00165
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Address (पता) :	
Pin code (पिन कोड) :	
State (राज्य) :	Country (देश) :
Phone Number (फोन नंबर) :	Mobile Number (मोबाईल नंबर) :
Email-ID (ईमेल-आईडी) :	
Status (स्थिति) :	Educational Status (शैक्षणिक स्थिति) :
Citizenship Status (नागरिकता) :	Is Appellant Bellow Poverty Line ? No (क्या अपील करनेवाला गरीबी रेखा से नीचे का है?) :
CPIO Approached (संपर्क सीपीआईओ) :	62548
Date of Receipt of CPIO's Order/Decision (सीपीआईओ के आदेश / निर्णय के रसीद की तारीख) :	Details not provided
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Ground for Appeal (अपील का आधार) :	Provided Incomplete, Misleading or False Information
Text of RTI First Appeal (आरटीआई प्रथम अपील का पाठ) :	I respectfully submit this First Appeal against the reply dated 19.05.2026 furnished by the CPIO, Airports Authority of India, in respect of my RTI Application No. AAOIN/R/E/26/00673. In my RTI application, I had sought information in larger public interest regarding airport infrastructure projects, including project cost, revised cost, year-wise expenditure, funding source, contractor or concessionaire details, mode of selection, contract value, work orders, agreements, operational status, capacity utilisation, revenue, expenditure, investment recovery and public or economic benefits. I respectfully clarify that the information was not sought for one single airport only. The RTI was intended to seek available information regarding recently operational airport projects across India or under Airports Authority of India, wherever such records are available. The issue concerns public

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