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Sub: Request for upgradation of basic amenities at Kandla Aerodrome

Dear Sir,

Greetings from GCCI.

After a long time and persistence efforts from Gandhidham Chamber, a Mumbai – Kandla – Mumbai flight operation started from Kandla Aerodrome and there is an immense positive response from air passengers. The present passenger load encourages other airlines to start operation from Kandla Aerodrome.

We are receiving feedbacks from frequent travelling passengers about inadequate basic infrastructure facility at Kandla Aerodrome. Hence, we list out the following lapses in basic facilities for the traveling passengers at Kandla Aerodrome.

- 1) The present terminal building is very small. Hence, new terminal building is latest amenities is required.
- 2) There is inadequate seating arrangements for the traveling passengers. This scenario become worst when there is delay in flight schedule.
- 3) Keeping in view the movement of passengers, there is no proper facility of availability of drinking water.
- 4) Similarly there is no proper and adequate facility of toilet, etc.
- 5) Proper facility of tea, coffee, snacks, etc. is not available to the passengers at Kandla Aerodrome.
- 6) For the parking of vehicles, there is no covered facility which is very much essential particularly in hot summer & rainy days.

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- 7) At present, the local police force is being utilised for maintaining security at Kandla Aerodrome. It has been observed that due to frequent visit of VIPs in Kandla – Gandhidham Complex, the deployed police force at Kandla Aerodrome is withdrawn and the same is being utilised for VIP duty in township area. Hence, at times, the security at Kandla Aerodrome terms out to be a question mark. This type of scenario certainly needs immediate correction in regular arrangement. We suggest to deploy Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) at Kandla Aerodrome to maintain security aspect.
- 8) The referred inadequacy further result in to stress as the same is being commonly used by airlines and airport authority staff.

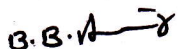
As we understand, other airlines have already surveyed the possibility of starting new flight operation in coming days in addition to the existing one. In such a scenario if no timely actions are initiated by Air Port Authority of India to upgrade the basic amenities at Kandla Aerodrome, we anticipate chaos at Kandla Aerodrome and will also give wrong signals to potential air traffic passenger alongwith other airlines who are exploring Kandla Aerodrome to at more new flights.

Therefore, we request you to please initiate necessary measures for upgrading the basic amenities at Kandla Aerodrome immediately.

We eagerly await you response and please update us about the progress made in this regard.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,



Babubhai Humbal
President

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