DIGI YATRA BIOMETRIC BOARDING POLICY

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
नागर विमानन मंत्री   **be pleased to state:-**

(a) whether it is true that the Digi Yatra Biometric Boarding Policy allows passengers to avail Digi Yatra without providing facial biometric information, if so, the details thereof and the reasons for not advertising/suggesting/providing this option to passengers at airports;

(b) whether it is also true that the Digi Yatra Central Ecosystem has undergone a CERT-In audit between 01.01.2022 and 01.03.2025 and if so, the details thereof along with the findings of such audit;

(c) whether the Government proposes to scale up Digi Yatra to hotels, trains and transport services using its facial recognition architecture and if so, the details thereof along with the measures being taken to ensure that the prevalent issues with Digi Yatra in airports do not get replicated in these services;

(d) whether any stakeholder/public consultation has taken place or would take place before scaling up the Digi Yatra service to various other domains and if so, the details thereof along with the status of availability of consultation documents in public domain;

(e) the details of total funds allocated for the expansion of Digi Yatra across more airports in the country in 2024; and

(f) the details of total funds allocated for the expansion of Digi Yatra into hotels, trains and transport services till 01.03.2025?

ANSWER

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(a): Digi Yatra is used for biometric-based travel by providing seamless and hassle-free experience for passengers at airports and is based on Facial Authentication Technology. Facial biometric information are required for creating verifiable

credential of the passenger. However, the passengers who do not want to avail the Digi Yatra services, may use existing manual process at airports without providing any facial biometric information.

(b): Yes, comprehensive CERT-In Audit of Digi Yatra Central Ecosystem has been conducted. It was established in the audit that Digi Yatra ensures compliance to all the industry best practices for data privacy, security and governance.

(c): No such proposal is under consideration with the Government.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): No fund is sanctioned/released by the Government for this initiative. The said expenditure is borne by airport operators.

(f): Does not arise.

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