

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 4965
(To be answered on the 25th March 2021)**

FACE RECOGNITION SYSTEM AT AIRPORTS

4965. SADHVI PRAGYA SINGH THAKUR

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government proposes to implement a system like Face Recognition System at airports;**
- (b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be implemented;**
- (c) the names of the airports in the country where such systems is proposed to be installed;**
- (d) whether the Government has fixed any time limit for the purpose and if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) whether the Government has any action plan on various other aspects keeping in view the future security scene; and**
- (f) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

Minister of State (IC) in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(Shri Hardeep Singh Puri)

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. Facial Recognition System is part of the Digi Yatra initiative of the government. Digi Yatra aims at seamless facilitation of passengers. Digi Yatra is being implemented in a phased manner. The project is at the trial stage and the first phase implementation is planned at Kolkata, Varanasi, Pune, Vijayawada, Bangalore and Hyderabad Airports, by the end of 2021.

(e) & (f): The requirement of security is dynamic in nature. The Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS), the regulatory authority for civil aviation security in the country, in consultation with other concerned agencies and stakeholders, reviews the security arrangements at airports from time to time and upgrades the same as per requirement.
