

Points of Bihar Chamber of Commerce & Industries for a meeting with Shri B.C.H.Negi, Airport Director, JPNI Airport, Patna.

We take pleasure in welcoming Shri B.C.H.Negi, Director, Jay Prakash Narayan International Airport, Patna along with senior officials of different projects of Patna Airport including service providers to the Bihar Chamber of Commerce & Industries this evening. This is your second visit to BCCI, which has a rich history of 93 glorious years of service to the business community and also to the society through various social activities, which includes free vocational training for ladies coming from poor families.

In recent times, Patna Airport has seen an unprecedented growth in passenger traffic and under these changed circumstances it calls for modernization by using latest technology along with infrastructural development.

We look forward to hear in detail of such development work undertaken for Bihar from the Airport Director.

On this occasion we would like to submit the following points for your kind consideration:-

1. In today's circumstances where time is of essence, it is essential that Regional Airport connectivity under Udaan Scheme with locations like Muzaffarpur, Bhagalpur, Purnea, Raxaul, Samastipur, Gaya, Ara, Darbhanga, Motihari etc. should be introduced with proper development of the airports with facilities.
2. We request more flights for domestic connectivity from Gaya Airport.

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3. There is a sizeable number of persons from our State working in foreign countries. During their homecoming and going back there is a substantial increase in the requirement of seats and flights, which should be addressed and also therefore would suggest direct flights from Patna to Gulf Countries and other destinations, which would address the grievances of such travelers and lessen the burden on Delhi & Mumbai Airports. To begin with a direct flight to Kathmandu should be introduced as Patna earlier had such a flight.
4. It is suggested that direct flight from Patna to Kathmandu, Guwahati, Bagdogra and other North Eastern hill states should be introduced which would give the vacationers and business travellers convenience to visit these places both for business and pleasure. There are many families residing in Patna and other cities in the state of Bihar whose roots are in Rajasthan and often such family members go to Jaipur not only to attend family functions but also visit different temples. Moreover, Rajasthan attracts tourists and there is large number of such tourists intending to visit Rajasthan but the journey time prevent such tourists from visiting Rajasthan. At present there is only one operator (Indigo) with a flight from Patna to Jaipur with almost three to four hours stop are at New Delhi and this means that it takes 12 hours to reach Jaipur. There is also business between Rajasthan and Bihar in marbles & edible oils. It is therefore essential that flights should be introduced between Patna and Jaipur.
5. In the above two paras, we have requested for introduction of international flights from Patna Airport, it is but natural that immigration facilities should be available at the Patna Airport.

6. At present there is only one operational entry door at the Patna Airport which is insufficient. During the peak period the waiting line extends beyond the portico which causes sufferance for senior citizens and the physically challenged travellers or for parents carrying their new born babies. It is therefore, suggested that during such peaking at least two or three doors be made available for entry reducing the waiting line.
7. Security Check scanner unit must provide two tokens for each tray, one in the tray and other with the passenger, enabling the flyer to identify his baggage. It happens that two persons carrying their laptops in similar looking bags often leads to exchange of laptop bags causing unnecessary harassment.
8. Incase of travellers who are physically unable to climb the stairs to the entry gate a hydraulic platform should be made available where there is no aerobridge facility as is available in Delhi airport.
9. We request all weather landing facility be created at Patna Airport as available in Delhi, Mumbai because during monsoon and winter season due to excessive rain or fog, flights get cancelled, delayed or diverted.
10. The weighing machines kept at the Patna Airport should be regularly monitored & checked because people as of today check the weight of the luggage to ensure that it is within the permissible limit but at the time of check in the weighing machine displays excess weight and invariably this leads to disagreement and unnecessary argument.
11. Bihar Chamber of Commerce & Industries is the apex body of Trade & Industries since 1926 in the State of Bihar. In this regard, we would like to point out that at the time of visit of your predecessor Mr. R. S. Lahauria to

BCCI on 16th May, 2018 he praised the role of this Chamber and also pointed out that night operation of Patna Airport was started on the suggestion of BCCI and hence cooperation at all levels may be taken by the Airport Authorities for improving the services.

12. We request extension of time for pick up & drop facility at the Patna Airport from the existing 10 minutes to 15 minutes as invariably during peak hours there is huge line of vehicles at the drop point which delays the process of dropping and so also at the time of pick up.
13. The Lounge on the first floor is closed and would be appreciated if it could be reopened.
14. Bus facility for the arrival passengers should be provided.
15. The number of Security check up counters and scanners should be increased.
16. Rates of eatable items of various branded/unbranded food stalls should not exceed the market rates.
17. Development and maintenance of green belt, plantation with drip irrigation facility.
18. One lane is provided for arrival and departure of passengers outside the Patna Airport Terminal. It is requested to increase it to two lanes for this purpose.
19. We request you to brief members on the status of construction of the new building at Patna Airport and progress at Bihta Airport.

We hope you will accelerate the development process of the Patna and Bihta Airports to the state-of-the-art-technology and speed up the process of starting flight services from other Divisional Headquarters of Bihar airport in the larger interest of the State of Bihar.

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With these words, we once again welcome you for being with us this evening along with your colleagues. It may not be out of place to mention that we enjoyed very cordial relations with your predecessors, which we are sure you would like to continue and we look forward to a fast and effective action which would be beneficial for the citizens of the State of Bihar.

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