

Div Com reviews modalities for operation 24x7 flights from Srinagar airport

Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Baseer Ahmad Khan convened a meeting to review the modalities for starting round the clock flights from Srinagar International Airport.

Additional Commissioner Kashmir, Additional Deputy Commissioner Budgam, Director Airport Authority of India, Chief Administrative Officer Air-force Station, Representative of ADG Headquarters, ASP Anti Hijack Srinagar Airport, Deputy Director Planning, Station Managers of Airline operators and other concerned officials were present in the meeting.

The meeting discussed operational feasibility and infra requirements to start operations of 24X7 flights like high mast lights for funnel area, approach lights, surveillance, watch towers at strategic locations, adequate lighting for proper visual profiling of vehicles, adequate security, land acquisition and other issues.

It was given out that the Airport Authority of India and Indian Air Force have already given its nod for operation of 24x7 flights from the Srinagar Airport. However, the clearance from Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), a regulatory body for civil aviation, is must for all airlines to start 24x7 flight operations.

The meeting was told that all Private airlines operating from and to Srinagar are ready to start the round the clock operations.

On the occasion, the Divisional Commissioner directed Chief Engineers R&B to provide survey data of 600 meters outside the Air Force station boundary wall to District Administration Budgam within two days so that requisite funnel would be constructed immediately.

He also directed Air-Force officials to provide alternate land at Buchroo village for construction of huts for additional security to funnel area.

He further asked Director Airports Authority to install the approach lights immediately within 300 meters at the Srinagar Airport for hassle free flight operations.

Div Com directed District Administration Budgam to lockout Brick Kilns adjoining the airport from October 15, 2017 to March 31, 2018 so that smoke can be reduced which creates visibility problem.

He also stressed on the need of maintaining close coordination among various Government agencies so that the 24x7 operations can be started soon from Srinagar International Airport.

