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**Governor meets Civil Aviation Minister**

**Itanagar, Dec.22:** Arunachal Pradesh Governor General (Retd) J.J. Singh met the Union Minister for Civil Aviation Ajit Singh at New Delhi on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2011 last. In the meeting, they discussed the overall aviation scenario in the Frontier State and aviation related projects coming up in different parts of Arunachal Pradesh, **reports PRO to Governor.**

The Governor informed the Union Minister that improving Air connectivity in the State is one of the prime issues that the State Government has been taking up with Government of India time and again. This is an important component of the Prime Ministers package and the people of the State are eagerly looking forward to their first flight and first airport. However, there has been a considerable delay in the sanctioning of the Greenfield Airport for Itanagar by the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

Providing the details on the progress of Greenfield Airport, the Governor requested him to take steps for early sanctioning of the project as it is a prestigious project of PM package.

The Governor also requested the Civil Aviation minister for necessary clearance for Short Take Off and Landing Aircrafts in the State Capital till the airport comes up. He suggested that the Naharlagun helipad can be extended for the purpose.

Concerned about Air passengers, the Governor stressed on regular flight to Lilabari with favorable timing so that the passengers from Arunachal Pradesh can have direct connecting flights from National Capital.

It may be mentioned here that with the active persuasion of the State Government and Raj Bhavan, the Airports Authority of India has prepared the DPR for the Greenfield Airport at Itanagar. The Airports Authority of India has started developmental activities for Tezu airport and the entire land has already been handed over to them. Action is being taken by Airports Authority of India for operationalisation of existing non-operational airstrips at Daporijo and a few other locations. Advanced Landing Grounds at Mechuka, Tuting and Walong have already been handed over to Ministry of Defence for upgradation. On 18<sup>th</sup> November the subsidiary airport in Vijayanagar was made operationalised. Setting up of an Aviation Fuel Station at Tawang helipad is under process, **adds the report.**

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