

Agra airport set to be expanded; ₹123cr cleared for land acquisition

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Lucknow: Paving the way for expansion of Agra airport, the state government on Tuesday approved Rs 123.59 crore for acquisition of additional land for the project.

The current civil terminal inside the Kheria air base of the IAF has an area of 4,870 m with the capacity of 250 arrivals and 250 departures. With the new terminal, the airport will not only have separate entry for passengers but would be able to handle 1,200 passengers at a given

time.

According to official sources, a total of 92.50 acres of land in Dhanauli, next to Kheria air base, will be acquired by district administration for a new terminal to be built by the Airport Authority of India. Besides new terminal, extension of existing runway and other facilities related to operations of the airport will also be carried out.

“Currently passengers can access the airport terminal via Air force base only. Further there are only four bays to park aircraft, inclu-

ding three 72-seater twin-engine turboprop ATR and one Airbus A321 which has 180 seating capacity. After the expansion, the terminal will have separate entry and exit with no interference from the Air Force base. Further, there would be nine bays which will have capacity to handle nine Airbus A321 like aircraft,” said Neeraj Srivastav, director, Agra airport. He added, “The airport passenger handling capabilities will also increase, and we will be able to handle 600 departures and arrivals each at a time.”