

UP notifies land acquisition for 3rd phase of Noida airport

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Noida: As Noida International Airport targets launching flight operations in May, UP govt has issued a notification initiating land acquisition for the third and fourth phases of the project in Jewar. Noida airport is to be developed over four phases by 2040, with the project plan providing for a maximum of four runways. One runway, a terminal building and an air traffic control tower are coming up on the 1,334 hectares acquired in phase 1. MRO and aviation hubs are proposed on the 1,365 hectares acquired in phase 2.

A total of 2,053 hectares is proposed to be acquired for the last two phases, of which 1,857 hectares is privately owned. Two more runways and a global aerospace manufacturing hub are proposed in phases 3 and 4.

A social impact assessment (SIA), undertaken by Gautam Buddha University and approved by the state govt in Jan, found around 8,400 families across 14 villages—Thora, Neemka Shahjahanpur, Khwajpur, Ramner, Kishorepur, Banwaribas, Parohi, Muqimpur Shivara, Jewar Bangar, Sabauta Mustafabad, Ahmedpur Chaurauli, Dayanatpur, Bankapur and Rohi—in Jewar tehsil will be displaced in these two phases.

Last month, UP announced that landlosers will be entitled to Rs 4,300 per square metre in compensation, which is 40% higher than the Rs 3,100 per sqm offered in the second phase. In phase 1, UP offered Rs 2,100 per sqm in compensation. A notification issued by the civil aviation department recently

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stated that under the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, displaced families will be rehabilitated to areas equipped with basic amenities like roads, water, electricity, sewerage, parks, community halls, schools, hospitals, as well as religious places, like temples and mosques, as per their social and cultural background. As per the notification, the deputy collector and sub-divisional magistrate of Jewar was been appointed the rehabilitation and resettlement administrator for the affected families, and will oversee the compensation and rehabilitation process.

UP has also invited objections from villagers or stakeholders affected by the land acquisition process. “We will hear all objections, which have to be submitted within a stipulated 60-day period, and then forward our recommendations and a detailed land acquisition cost report, including information on the affected families, to the state govt.