

CEC Tashi Gyalson Chairs Meeting on Civilian Flight Operations at Thoise Airport, Increased Flight Frequency at Leh Airport, and Evening Civil Flight Services

Leh, February 27: Hon'ble Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Adv. Tashi Gyalson, convened a meeting at the Council Secretariat to discuss key issues including the commencement of civilian flight operations at Thoise Airport in Nubra, increasing flight frequency at Leh Airport, and exploring the feasibility of evening civil flight services.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner/CEO, LAHDC Leh, Santosh Sukhadeve; Air Commodore Sanjay Prabhu VSM, AOC 21 Wing AFS Leh; Director/General Manager, Airport Authority of India, Leh, A. Umasankar; Group Captain Ajay Kumar, C Adm O 21 Wing AFS Leh; ACR Leh, Shabir Hussain; OSD to Commissioner/Secretary, Civil Aviation Department, Gurmet Namgail; Airport Manager, Mahesh Kannan; Airport Manager, Air India, Lobzang Nyendak; and Dorjey Rabstan, Station Manager, Leh Airport.

The meeting was also attended virtually by Station Commander, Air Force 19 FBSU Thoise, Pranay Kumar; Surinder Pal Singh Narli, Director, Air Traffic Management, Indigo Airlines; and Ram Babu Mahto, Senior Manager, Air Traffic Management, Indigo Airlines.

Discussions primarily focused on commencing civilian flight operations at Thoise Airport in Nubra. The Indian Air Force has granted clearance, and Hon'ble CEC has directed the Airports Authority of India to initiate the necessary procedures to facilitate the transition. Indigo Airlines and Air India have been encouraged to assess the feasibility of operating flights from Thoise.

Regarding Leh Airport, the Indian Air Force has allocated a dedicated bay for civil aircraft, ensuring swift and efficient services. Airlines have also committed to increasing flight slots from 18 to 22, significantly enhancing accessibility. Additionally, the meeting highlighted the urgent need for evening flight operations from Leh, an increase in flight frequency, and solutions to parking constraints at the airport. Officials also explored the possibility of direct flights to Leh from multi sectors to improve connectivity for residents and tourists.

H'CEC acknowledged the proactive cooperation and the unwavering support of the Indian Air Force in facilitating these developments.

With a strong commitment to expediting approvals and operational procedures, the discussions highlighted the need to enhance regional connectivity and strengthen emergency response capabilities.



