Cabinet approves development of Greenfield Airport at Doloo, Silchar, Assam at an estimated cost of 2,014 crore

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To overcome the severe operational and spatial constraints of the existing defense landlocked civil enclave at Silchar Airport and to accommodate sustained passenger growth, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the development of a New Greenfield Airport at Doloo, Silchar, Assam by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) at an estimated cost of Rs.2,014 crore.

Doloo, situated in the Cachar District of Assam, serves as the strategic heart of the Barak Valley—a region renowned for its extensive tea gardens, agro-based industries, and immense potential for eco and cultural tourism.

The proposed Terminal Building will span a total area of 12,351 sqm with a capacity to handle 800 passengers during peak hour, designed with modern passenger amenities, sustainable green building principles, and modular expansion capability. In addition, the project encompasses the development of a 2,705m x 45m, Code-4C compliant runway suitable for A-320 aircraft operations, along with the construction of a new Apron capable of parking 6 nos. A-320 aircraft and a dedicated isolation bay.

As a project of immense strategic significance, the Doloo Greenfield Airport will meet the rapidly growing demands of air traffic in South Assam and adjoining areas of neighbouring States. It will significantly decongest existing infrastructure, unlock regional economic potential by boosting trade and tourism, and offer a world-class gateway integrating Northeast India with broader national and international growth corridors.

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