

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. : 311  
(To be answered on the 10<sup>th</sup> August 2023)**

**EASTERN CROSS TAXIWAY**

**\*311. DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) whether it is fact that Eastern Cross Taxiway (ECT) connecting the northern part of the airfield to the southern side is operational;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the ECT would reduce taxi time of aircraft and help passengers in deboarding of plane within twelve minutes of landing; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**(Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia)**

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**(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.**

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**Statement in respect of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 311 regarding "Eastern Cross Taxiway" to be answered on 10.08.2023.**

**(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. Elevated Cross Taxiway (ECT) connecting the northern part of the airport to the Southern side has become operational with effect from 14th July 2023. The taxiways are 2.1-km-long and 44 m wide dual-lane elevated Code F taxiways having a gap of 47m between them to allow safe and simultaneous passage of two big aircraft. They are capable of handling large aircraft and wide-body jets such as A380, B777, and B747-8. The taxiways will connect Northern and Southern airfields and reduce taxi distance for aircraft by 7kms.**

**ECT is expected to optimize taxiing routes and aircraft operations, resulting in a reduction of approximately 55,000 tonnes of CO2 per annum. The ECT will help in enhancing the passenger experience by reducing time spent on the tarmac by flyers after landings and before take-offs.**

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