

# Jewar airport plan likely to get govt nod next month



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**Greater Noida:** With the Lok Sabha elections over, the nod from the state government on the Jewar concessionaire bid document is likely to come by next month. Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) sources said the government is likely to give its approval following a recommendation from the project monitoring and implementation committee. After the nod, the process of issuing global tenders for the construction of the airport will begin.

The bid document received the final approval from the Union ministry of civil aviation in February this year. Expected to be ready by 2023, the Jewar airport aims to take load off Delhi's Indira Gandhi International airport. "We will initiate global tendering for the airport project once the state government approves the bid document," said YEIDA chief Arun Vir Singh.

Singh maintained that the bid document was "finalised as per Government of India in February 2019". He added, "All media speculations regarding number of domestic/international terminals as

well as number of footfall per year at the proposed airport is totally wrong as it can't be determined as of today."

YEIDA is waiting for the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation's (DMRC) revised plans for the Airport Express line as well as the commercial connectivity line to Jewar. "We had our second meeting with DMRC on May 10, in which we have asked for a new chapter on a separate dedicated airport line for Jewar, which should run parallel to the current proposed 35.64-km commercial line by DMRC. The DMRC had sought time to come back on the proposal," Singh said.

DMRC had given a presentation to YEIDA on the first phase of the commercial corridor, which will connect Knowledge Park 2 in Greater Noida with the Jewar airport. It is expected to have a total of 25 stations.

Meanwhile, the Gautam Budh Nagar administration is working on providing compensation in villages where land has been acquired for the airport project. Around 200 landowners in three villages — Ranhera, Parohi and Banwariwas — have already been given compensation, while farmers in Dayanatpur, Rohi and Kishorpur are in the process of getting the money.