

Montek to brief PM on Delhi airport expansion

Planning Commission Deputy Chairman Montek Singh Ahluwalia will brief Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on the expansion of the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) here, plan panel sources said Tuesday.

'Ahluwalia will write to the prime minister, giving details of his talks with the Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) officials and measures that are being taken to decongest the airport,' an official said.

Ahluwalia has been in regular touch with DIAL officials and last week even held a couple of meetings with GMR Infrastructure chief G.M. Rao and other officials responsible for the expansion of the airport.

Ahluwalia had a long review meeting with DIAL officials May 12, where they discussed in detail the problems being faced by passengers due to the expansion work.

However, Civil Aviation Minister Praful Patel did not appreciate the meeting and wrote to Ahluwalia May 13, blaming the Planning Commission for delay in modernisation of Delhi, [Kolkata](#) and [Chennai](#) airports.

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