

## Parliamentary panel to scrutinize airport modernisation

A parliamentary committee will meet here Thursday to look into complaints and issues concerning modernisation of the country's airports, a top government official said Wednesday.

According to sources, senior officials of the civil aviation ministry will meet members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture to discuss issues concerning modernisation of airports.

The ministry would also inform the panel members on the progress in modernisation of Kolkata, [Chennai](#) and 35 non-metro airports.

The meeting will take place against the backdrop of a debate between Civil Aviation Minister Praful Patel and Planning Commission Deputy Chairman Montek Singh Ahluwalia on delay in airport projects.

Patel pointed to the plan panel for the delay after Ahluwalia summoned the developers of the Delhi airport over various problems faced by passengers there.

The panel's chairman Sitaram Yechury of the Communist Party of India-Marxist (CPI-M) recently said that airport modernisation was being 'deliberately' delayed.

In a letter to Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, Yechury urged his intervention to check privatisation, which he said was being done through the backdoor.

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