The information sought herein relates to the use of facial recognition technology at the Varanasi Airport. Response to RTI queries are appended below:

Sl. NO	RTI QUERY	AAI RESPONSE
1	Please state the legislation or rule which authorizes the Authority to use facial recognition technology.	MoCA has already issued the Policy in August 2018 and revised policy in April 2021. DGCA has issued Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR) document in Jan 2019. Available at below link: https://www.civilaviation.gov.in/sites/default/files/Digi%20yatra%20policy%20doc.pdf
2	Please state whether any legal opinion was sought by the Authority prior to procurement of facial recognition technology. If yes, please provide a copy of the legal opinion received.	Installation of Facial Recognition Technology based Biometric Boarding System is in progress at 04 AAI Airports following Policy issued by Ministry of Civil Aviation on Digi Yatra. AAI IT Directorate is not the custodian of requested information.
3	Please provide information with regard to when the use of technology was commenced or is planned to be commenced.	As on date, project is planned to commenced in the month of August 2022.
4	Please state whether any cost-benefit analysis, feasibility study or privacy impact assessment was conducted prior to deployment of facial recognition technology. If yes, please provide a copy of the final report.	Installation of Facial Recognition Technology based Biometric Boarding System is in progress at 04 AAI Airports following Policy issued by Ministry of Civil Aviation on Digi Yatra. AAI IT Directorate is not the custodian of requested information.
5	Please state whether there are any guidelines, policies, rules or standard operating procedure governing the use of facial recognition technology by the authority. If yes, please provide a copy of the document.	MoCA has already issued the Policy in August 2018 and revised policy in April 2021. DGCA has issued Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR) document in Jan 2019. Available at below link: https://www.civilaviation.gov.in/sites/default/files/Digi%20yatra%20policy%20doc.pdf

6	Please state the specific purposes for which facial recognition technology is being used by the authority.	To provide a safe, seamless and paperless journey for domestic air travel.
7	Please state the total expenditure incurred (in rupees) on procurement and maintenance of facial recognition technology with an annual breakdown.	A total of 165.43 Crore is budgeted for the project which will be spend over seven years for 04 AAI airports namely Varanasi, Vijayawada, Pune and Kolkata airports
8	Please provide an exhaustive list of persons and/or organizations authorized to operate facial recognition technology.	Passengers registered with Digi Yatra Central Ecosystem will be able to use the system for domestic flights at Airports where Digi Yatra is being implemented.
9	Please provide details of the database(s) in which images are stored for the purpose of facial recognition including: Where these images are sourced from? Where is this database located? Which persons and/or organizations who have access to this database?	Proprietary Item
10	Please provide a copy of the accuracy reports of the facial recognition technology which is being used or is proposed to be used.	Proprietary Item
11	Please provide information whether any quality assessments have been done by an independent third-party of the facial recognition technology being used. If yes, please provide a copy of the report of such assessment.	Proprietary Item
12	Please provide an exhaustive list of databases with which the facial recognition technology will be linked in order to identify individuals.	Digi_Yatra will be integrated with UIDAI (AADHAAR), Driving License, PAN, Passport, CoWIN databases