

BM-II Division, MHA

FAQ

1. What is LPAI?

LPAI stands for Land Ports Authority of India, an Authority constituted under Land Ports Authority Act, 2010 for development and management of facilities for cross border movement of passengers and goods at designated points along the international borders of India.

2. What is the genesis of LPAI?

India shares over 15,000 kms long international land border with seven countries in South Asia, namely Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, Myanmar, Nepal and Pakistan. There are several designated entry and exit points for cross-border movement of persons, goods and vehicles. For several years, inadequate infrastructure at designated border checkpoints has often been one of the major hindrances to regional trade, impeding the movement of both goods and passenger moving in and out of neighbouring countries

Concerned about the inadequate infrastructure at border checkpoints and the lack of a single coordinating body responsible for facilitating cross-border trade and passenger movement across India's land borders, the Committee of Secretaries in 2003 recommended setting up of Integrated Check Posts (ICPs) that would house all regulatory agencies in a single sanitized complex and provide complete state of the art infrastructure facilities such as warehouses, examination sheds, parking bays, weighbridges etc. for cross border movement of passengers and goods at designated locations along India's international border. The Cabinet Committee on Security approved the setting up of LPAI in November 2011. LPAI Act was passed on 31.08.2010 and LPAI came into existence on 1.03.2012.

3. When LPAI act was passed?

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5. What is the organizational Structure of LPAI?

Please visit LPAI website or click on <https://lpai.gov.in/en/organization-chart>

6. How Chairman and Members are appointed in LPAI?

Chairperson and Members are appointed by Central Government.

7. What is the tenure of Chairman in LPAI?

Chairman LPAI has a tenure for a period of five years from the date on which he assumes office or till he attains the age of sixty years, whichever is earlier.

8. What is the tenure of Members in LPAI?

Members will have tenure for a period of five years from the date on which he /she assumes office or till he/she attains the age of sixty years, whichever is earlier.

9. What are the functions of LPAI?

LPAI is mandated to develop, sanitize and manage the facilities for cross border movement of passengers and goods at designated points along the international borders of India.

To carry out its mandate LPAI may—

- (a) put in place systems, which address security imperatives at the integrated check posts on the border;
- (b) plan, construct and maintain roads, terminals and ancillary buildings Other than national highways, State highways and railways, at an integrated check post;
- (c) plan, procure, install and maintain communication, security, goods handling and scanning equipment at an integrated check post;
- (d) provide appropriate space and facilities for immigration, customs, security, taxation authorities, animal and plant quarantine, warehouses, cargo and baggage examination yards, parking zones, banks, post offices, communication facilities, tourist information centres, waiting halls, canteen, refreshment stalls, public conveniences, health services and such other services, as may be deemed necessary;
- (e) construct residential buildings for its employees as well as residential accommodation for staff deployed at integrated check posts;
- (f) establish and maintain hotels, restaurants and restrooms;
- (g) establish and maintain warehouses, container depots and cargo complexes for the storage or processing of goods;
- (h) arrange for postal, money exchange, insurance and telephone facilities for the use of passengers and other persons at integrated check posts;
- (i) make appropriate arrangements for the security of integrated check posts and provide for regulation and control of movement of vehicles, entry and exit of passengers and goods in accordance with the respective law concerning them;
- (j) ensure prevention and control of fire and other hazards and other facilities as deemed necessary;
- (k) regulate and control the movement of vehicles, and the entry and exit of passengers, transportation workers, handling agents, clearing and forwarding agents and goods at the integrated check post with due regard to the law, security and protocol of the Government of India;
- (l) co-ordinate and facilitate the working of agencies who have been engaged to undertake various activities at the integrated check posts, in accordance with the respective law, for the time being in force;
- (m) develop and provide consultancy, construction or management services, and undertake operations in India and abroad in relation to an integrated check post;

- (n) form one or more companies under the Companies Act, 1956 (1 of 1956) or under any other law relating to companies for efficient discharge of the functions imposed on it by this Act;
- (o) take all such steps as may be necessary or expedient for, or may be incidental to, the exercise of any power or the discharge of any function conferred or imposed on it by this Act: Provided that sovereign functions of the Authority shall not be assigned to any private entity;
- (p) set up joint ventures for the discharge of any of the functions assigned to the Authority; and
- (q) undertake any other activity at the integrated check post in the best commercial interests of the Authority.

10. How Rules and Regulations are made for LPAI?

The Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, make rules for carrying out the provisions of the LPAI Act, 2010.

The Authority (LPAI) with the previous approval of the Central Government, can make regulations not inconsistent with the Act and the rules made there under for the purpose of giving effect to the provisions of the LPAI Act, 2010.

11. How Finance and accounting is done at LPAI?

Finance and accounting is done as per the provision given in Land Ports Authority Act, 2010. For details please see LPAI act, 2010 at <https://lpai.gov.in/sites/default/files/act-rules-regulations/LPAI-Act-2010.pdf>.

12. How many Land Ports are there in India?

There are 9 (nine) Land Ports in India.

13. What is the difference between an Integrated Check Post, Land Custom Station and Border Haat?

Integrated check post means any land port, as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, specify.

Land customs station means any place notified as such by the Central Government under clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 7 of the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962) for the clearance of goods imported or to be exported by land or inland water.

Border Haat is a special market place located exactly on the Zero line between India and Bangladesh, where both Indian and Bangladeshi citizens of nearby area can visit and purchase the goods from vendors, who are also from both countries in equal numbers.

14. What commodities are imported / exported through Land Ports?

Major commodities imported are dry fruits, fresh fruits, fish and its products, jute, Readymade garments, Cotton rags, stone chips, cement, etc. Major commodities exported are Cotton Fabric, Vehicle Chassis, two wheelers, Cotton Garments, etc. Visit LPAI website <https://lpai.gov.in> for details of import / export item at each ICP.

15. What is the process of Import / Export of Commodities through Land Ports?

The process of Import/Export of commodities through Land Ports is similar to other ports (Sea Port, Air Ports).

16. What facilities are available at Land Ports?

At land ports Customs, Immigration, Land Border Health Unit, Plant and Animal quarantine, parking, warehouse, weighbridge, Border Guarding Force, Duty Free Shops, Canteen, Transport and Forex counter etc. are available. For detailed facilities available at each ICP please visit <https://lpa.gov.in>.

17. What are the charges for using facilities at Land Ports?

Please visit <https://lpa.gov.in/en/tariff-circulars> for tariff.

18. As an exporter / importer what advantages Land Ports offers vis a vis sea ports / airports?

Exporter/Importer using Land Port vis a vis Sea Port/Airport for import/export from neighboring countries have advantage of lower freight, faster clearances, and last mile monitoring of goods.

19. Is movement of people across the border also possible through Land Ports?

Yes, Passenger Movement is possible through Land Ports.

20. Is ICP Dera Baba Nanak a Land Port?

Yes. At Dera Baba Nanak only passenger movement is permissible and no trade movement is being done.

21. What are the formalities for visiting Kartarpur Sahib through ICP Dera Baba Nanak?

Please visit website <https://prakashpurb550.mha.gov.in> for detailed information.

22. What are the upcoming ICP's in near future?

ICP, Rupaidiha (Uttar Pradesh – Nepal Border), ICP Dawki (Meghalaya – Bangladesh Border) and ICP Subroom (Tripura – Bangladesh Border).

23. How many ICP's have been planned?

ICPs have been planned at Bithamore (Bihar – Nepal Border), Sunauli (Uttar Pradesh – Nepal Border), Banbasa (Uttarakhand – Nepal Border), Fulbari (West Bengal – Bangladesh Border), Hili (West Bengal – Bangladesh Border), Changrabandha (West Bengal – Bangladesh Border), Panitanki (West Bengal – Nepal Border), Jaigaon (West Bengal – Bhutan Border), Kawrpuichhuah (Mizoram – Bangladesh Border), Gojadanga (West Bengal – Bangladesh Border) and Mahadipur (West Bengal – Bangladesh Border).

24. Can I visit Land Ports?

Prior permission is needed for visiting ICP. For permission please write to Director (Operations) on email dir.ops-lpai@gov.in

25. Is photography / video / film shooting permissible inside the Land Ports?

Prior permission is required. For permission please write to Director (Operations) on email dir.ops-lpai@gov.in

26. What are working hours at Land Ports?

Land ports have different working hours attuned to neighboring country timings and keeping in mind convenience of the trade and stakeholders.

27. How to reach Land Ports?

All land ports are accessible through National Highway /State Highways. For details visit Land Ports section in <https://lpai.gov.in> website.

28. Whom to contact at Land Ports?

At Land Ports, Manager, LPAI at respective Land Ports can be contacted. Contact details are available at <https://lpai.gov.in/en/who-is-who>.