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The administration will soon start acquiring the remaining 18% land from farmers who had sought higher compensation.

Jewar airport: All 4 applicant firms make it to shortlist

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GREATERNOIDA: The Noida International Airport Limited (NIAL), on Wednesday, said that as per the project monitoring and implementation committee (PMIC) all four companies, which had applied to develop the Noida

clearance for this project via letter to the director, civil aviation department. On October 5, 2017, the ministry of home affairs gave no objection certificate (NOC) for the project. The ministry of defence gave its NOC on January 11,2018. The ministry of civil aviation gave its in-principal approval on May 9, 2018.

International Greenfield airport project at Jewar, were found to be technically qualified.

The PMIC, under the chairmanship of UP chief secretary, in Lucknow on Wednesday evaluated proposals of all four companies-Delhi airport operator Delhi International Airport Limited, Zurich airport operator Flughafen Zurich AG, Adani Enterprises Limited and Anchorage Infrastructure Investment Holdings Limited.

The final decision to award the contract will be taken on November 29 and one of the four qualified companies would be selected.

"We opened technical bids for selection of concessionaire on November 6. The PMIC evaluated the bids and found that all four companies qualified for the airport project. Now, we will open financial bids on November 29 in the Greater Noida office to finalise the concessionaire who will develop the airport project," NIAL nodal officer Shailendra Bhatia said.

On May 30, 2019, the NIAL had floated a global tender to select a developer for the Jewar airport project. On July 6, 2017, the ministry of civil aviation had given site

The NIAL is expected to start development work in January 2020 as the Gautam Budh Nagar administration has acquired 82% of total 1,239.14 hectares land required for phase 1. Officials said the process to acquire remaining 18% land is underway.

The administration said that as per Section 76/77 of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, it will start taking physical possession of remaining 18% land from farmers, who refused to give their land as they sought higher compensation. However, since more than 80% farmers have willingly given their land at a rate of ₹2,500 per square metre, the remaining farmers will have to give their land at the same rate, officials said.

"We had issued notices to farmers and given them time till November 26. Today, on November 27, we gave farmers a last opportunity to accept the compensation and give their land. If they do not accept, then we will deposit the compensation with the tribunal and acquire land for the airport project," GB Nagar magistrate BN Singh said.