E-immigration process soon, says Scindia

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The Central government is in the process of digitising immigration procedures using biometric technology at airports to ensure ease of travel for international passengers, Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said on Wednesday.

Major airports like Delhi and Bengaluru were facing congestion on several days during the last month amid the peak travel season. Currently, the immigration clearance procedure for international passengers is done manually at airports by officers of Bureau of Immigration, which works under the Union home ministry. Scindia, speaking at an event organised by industry body Assocham, said: "One of the things that we are looking at doing, and this is in conjunction with the Union home ministry, is biometrics, and digitising immigration processes and that process is on as we speak."

"Certainly, a data bank or a repository has to be created based on which the throughput capability of our international airports also becomes much more seamless. On the immigration side, that is something we are working on," he added.