

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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BIRD HIT CASES AT PATNA
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the DGCA which monitors the airport and aircraft safety has taken note of frequent bird hit cases at Patna airport;
- (b) if so, the details of the steps proposed by the DGCA to tackle the problem at Patna airport; and
- (c) the steps being taken to ensure that abattoirs and other birds-attracting sites are shifted to other places?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a):- Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c):- An Airfield Environment Management Committee has been constituted to identify the sources of bird attraction and take necessary steps for prevention of bird strikes. The major steps envisaged to prevent/reduce bird hits are as under:-

- i) Grass cutting and checking waterlogging inside the airport.
- ii) Scaring and shooting of birds.
- iii) Wire meshing of hangars.
- iv) Garbage dumping in covered bins and early removal.
- v) Regular joint inspection of areas around airport.
- vi) Establishment of modern abattoirs.

Besides, the Aircraft Act, 1934, has been amended to make disposal of garbage in the open area within 10 Kms. of the airport a cognizable offence. If such activity is observed during joint inspection, it is brought to the notice of local police.