

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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SECURITY LAPSES AT KATHMANDU AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether security lapses continue to occur at Nepal's Kathmandu airport;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether this issue has been taken up with Nepal Government; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) to (d) In the wake of the recent hijacking incident, discussions have been held with the Nepalese authorities for the strengthening of security and immigration controls at the Tribhuvan International Airport in Kathmandu. His Majesty's Government of Nepal have assured us that they have taken several short-term and long-term measures to enhance security at the Tribhuvan International Airport. Certain additional measures required by Indian Airlines for ensuring the safety of its Aircraft, passengers and crew, have also been put in place. Our experts have assessed the steps taken by the Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal and are satisfied that these would meet the requirement of our airlines. In view of this, Indian Airlines resumed its flights to Nepal with effect from June 1, 2000. The security arrangements will continue to be reviewed on an ongoing basis.