

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1144  
ANSWERED ON:31.07.2000  
BLACKOUT AT BANGALORE AIRPORT  
CHADA SURESH REDDY

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether standby arrangement for run way lights exists at all the airports in the country;
- (b) if so, the reasons for blackout at Bangalore Airport on May 9, 2000; and
- (c) the action proposed to provide the infrastructure for round the clock lighting system at all the Airports?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) :- Standby diesel generator sets have been provided at all the airports in the country. These generators are provided not only for main and standby runway lights but also for all other essential facilities and equipments functioning at the airport. Standby runway lightings also have been provided at 27 airports including Bangalore in the country.

(b) & (c) :- At Bangalore Airport, main as well as standby runway lights have been provided. The main circuit was provided in 1987 and the standby circuit was installed in 1995. Modifications of the main circuit was being undertaken when some cables got damaged which resulted in failure in both the main and standby circuits on 9th May, 2000. The same was repaired and made operational immediately.