

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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HUTMENTS AROUND MUMBAI AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that loads of garbage generated from over 65,000 hutments around the Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport at Mumbai is causing various problems for operation of flights;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to provide safety to Airport and its runways?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a):- Yes, Sir.

(b):- Garbage in the vicinity of airport attract birds and pose threat to aviation safety. It also promotes proliferation of dogs around airport increasing possibility of their entry into operational area.

(c):- Various measures have been taken by Airports Authority of India (AAI) to reduce bird activity at Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport at Mumbai. AAI also coordinates with Bombay Municipal Corporation for removal of dogs from airport. AAI has rehabilitated about 1900 hutment- dwellers from Rafique Nagar of Jari Mari area.