

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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CONGESTION AT AIRPORTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any measures to overhaul the Air Traffic Control system to reduce congestion at the airports, particularly in Delhi and Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status of CAT III instrument landing system at Indira Gandhi International Airport and the time by which it is likely to be made operational?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Various measures undertaken by Airports Authority of India (AAI) to reduce the air traffic congestion at Delhi and Mumbai airports include: establishment of Clearance Delivery Position to enable pilots to expedite departures; introduction of Auto Release procedures to release the departures on standard routes upto a certain height for expeditious departures; construction of new high speed exit and parallel taxiways to reduce the runway occupancy time and enable operations from both the runways; upgradation of Air Traffic Control Automation System and installation of Advanced Surface Movement Guidance & Control System at Delhi Airport. Besides, in order to reduce congestion in air, AAI has planned to introduce a system of Air Traffic Flow Management so as to enable the departures from airports other than Delhi and Mumbai being controlled/ released at definite times.

(c) Cat-III Instrument Landing System is already operational at Indira Gandhi International Airport. Cat-III upgradation is underway.