

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:281
ANSWERED ON:09.03.2006
STUDY ON NOCTURNAL BIRD HITS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a):- whether the Airports Authority of India (AAI) proposes to conduct a study on the nocturnal bird hits with planes at night as reported in The Times of India dated February 9, 2006;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the AAI has contemplated any steps to prevent birds from coming in the flight path; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a), (b), (c) and (d):- A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Parts (a), (b), (c) and (d) of Starred Question No. 281 for 09.03.2006.

(a) and (b):- Yes, Sir. Airports Authority of India (AAI) is planning to undertake a study on bird activity at night at Indira Gandhi International Airport. AAI have received quotation from Bombay Natural History Society, which has carried out such surveys in the past.

(c) and (d):- To reduce the occurrence of bird hit incidents, Airports Authority of India takes various preventive measures like establishment of Airfield Environment Management Committees, proper collection and disposal of garbage, covering garbage dumps, installation of incinerators, prevention of illegal skinning of animals, establishment of modern abattoirs, prevention of water logging inside the airport, pigeon proofing of hangars, scaring and shooting of birds within the airfield, pilot warning by Air Traffic Controllers, amendment of aircraft approach and departure procedures, reducing of insect population by spraying chemical etc.