

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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INDUCTION OF DEFENCE FORCES IN CIVIL AVIATION SECURITY

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to induct defence forces in the management of civil aviation security;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard;
- (c) whether the views of the service Chiefs/Defence Ministry have been obtained;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether any exhaustive plan has been finalised to deal with the aviation security crisis permanently;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the steps taken by the Government to provide foolproof security at all airports in the country?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) No, Sir.

(c) & (d) Do not arise.

(e) to (g) At all airports in the country, adequate security arrangements are in force according to the guidelines of Annexure 17 of International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) and India's National Civil Aviation Security Programme. A Contingency Plan, formulated to safeguard civil aviation operations against acts of unlawful interference, has been circulated to all concerned to be used as Working Plan. To further strengthen Security arrangements at airports the Government has taken following steps:-

- (i) Time bound deployment of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) at all operational airports in the country.
- (ii) Deployment of Quick Reaction Teams at major airports.
- (iii) Introduction of Ladder point frisking.
- (iv) Deployment of Sky Marshals on all domestic scheduled flights of Indian Airlines, Jet Airways and Air Sahara on random basis.
- (v) Regular monitoring of security arrangement through inspections and dummy checks.
- (vi) Installation of Closed Circuit Televisions (CCTVs) at important airports.
- (vii) Strengthening of Training of security personnel.