

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SECURITY AT AIRPORTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to introduce high technology materials for effective security at all domestic/ international airports of the country especially at Kolkata and Hyderabad Airports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the necessary steps being taken by the Government to implement the above material at all airports; and

(d) the estimated cost likely to be incurred on the above work?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. It has been decided to install security equipments like Bio-metric access control system, In Line X-ray Baggage Inspection System(X-BIS), Explosive detection equipment, Closed Circuit Television(CCTV), Perimeter intrusion detection system etc. at all the major airports in the country including Kolkata & Hyderabad airports.

(c) All concerned Airport Operators/agencies have been directed to take immediate necessary action to upgrade security technology. Introduction of In Line X-BIS at all Hypersensitive Airports is under various stages of implementation by the agencies concerned.

(d) In Line X-BIS order placed for international airports namely Kolkata, Chennai, Ahmedabad, Calicut and Srinagar for cost of Rs.45 crores.

Explosive Trace Detector order placed for Rs.91.00 crores approximately including existing Customs Duty.

The other security equipments being installed and their cost are as under:-

Metal Detectors- Rs.577 crores X-ray Baggage Inspection System- Rs.34.00 crores.