

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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REVIEW OF CATEGORY- III FOG EQUIPMENT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether category-III equipment is not of much use and passengers have to face flight cancellation and hardships of cold weather;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has reviewed the category-III equipment installed at Delhi and other airports in the country to cope with foggy weather;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the other steps taken/proposed to be taken to address the situation to avoid inconvenience to the passengers in future?

Answer

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

(a), (b) & (c):- No Sir. ILS Category III has been useful to the airline pilots during the periods of poor visibility conditions at IGI Airport, Delhi when the visibility drops even upto 50 meters. Airports Authority of India (AAI) has provided ground complement of CAT III B ILS at runway 28 and Advanced Surface Movement Guidance and Control Systems (ASMGCS) at IGI Airport. The system works with the complementary system on board the aircraft. Ground complement of the system has been found to be working satisfactorily and is being used by CAT III compliant pilots and aircrafts.

(d) ILS facility at Kolkata is being upgraded to CAT-II. It is also proposed to upgrade ILS facility to CAT-II at Lucknow, Amritsar and Jaipur airports.