

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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IMPROVEMENT IN BAGGAGE RECONCILIATION SYSTEM (BRS)

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the world over airlines are using technology to improve baggage handling;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether such technology is being used in the country by private or Government owned airlines;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether IGI airport is likely to have automated baggage reconciliation system (BRS) cargo handling;
- (f) if so, whether Government propose to introduce such system in other airports also;
- (g) if so, the detailed plan chalked out by the Government in this regard and total expenditure likely to be incurred at each airport, airport wise, separately; and
- (h) the time by which the said project is likely to be completed in all the airports particularly in Mumbai Airport?

Answer

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

(a):- Yes, Sir.

(b):- The world-over Airlines are using Bar Code Technology linked with Baggage Handling System of their respective Host Computer. Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology is on trial in some of the Airports.

(c) & (d):- As per information available with the Govt. Air India Ltd. has an in-house developed Baggage Reconciliation System which is connected through AI's ARTICA system. Indian Airlines is in the process of procuring fully automated Baggage Reconciliation System.

(e):- Yes, Sir. Indian Airlines has been designated single agency to introduce the system of Baggage Reconciliation System for all Airlines at IGI Airport (International Terminal).

(f):- Yes, Sir.

(g):- Baggage Reconciliation System as a part of Common User Terminal Equipment (CUTE) System is being worked out for introduction at Metro Airports & major Non-Metro Airports in India.

The expenditure on introduction of the system is part of CUTE System. The modalities & the expenditure are being worked out.

(h):- At the Metro Airports including Mumbai, the work is likely to be completed within twelve months & at other major non-Metro Airports within eighteen months.