

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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BIRDS AROUND AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of bird hit incidents reported at the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport during 2006;
- (b) whether the Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) has brought to the notice of the Government that birds keep coming dangerously close to the planes while landing and taking off at IGI airport;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the action taken by the Government?

Answer

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

(a):- During the year 2006, 25 bird hit incidents at Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) were reported to Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).

(b), (c) and (d):- Delhi International Airport Limited has apprised Airfield Environment Management Committee (AEMC) about bird activity around IGIA in its periodic meetings. The AEMC has been constituted at aerodromes as a measure to combat bird menace at airports. The Secretary (Environment) of Government of Delhi is the chairman of AEMC which comprises representatives of local civic bodies, DGCA, airlines and airport management agencies as its members. AEMC has directed the concerned agencies to clean up the garbage around the airport and to remove water stagnation and landfill area to avoid any bird concentration.