

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1943
ANSWERED ON:13.03.2007
HARASSMENT OF FOREIGN TOURISTS AT AIRPORT
Dutt Smt. Priya Sunil

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the foreign tourists are being cheated and harassed by agents/Taxi Operators at the Indira Gandhi International Airport;
- (b) if so, the total number of such cases registered by the Government during each of the last three years;
- (c) the action taken by the Government against such agents/Taxi Operators; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to stop such cases in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a)to(d) : A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1943 BY SHRIMATI PRIYA DUTT FOR 13.03.2007

(a) : As per available information, some instances of cheating and harassment of foreign tourists by agents/taxi operators at Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport, Delhi have been reported.

(b) & (c): The number of cases registered and action taken against such agents/ taxi operators is as under:

Sl. No.	Year	Cases registered (No. of persons arrested)	Action taken
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1.	2004	1	6
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2.	2005	Nil	Nil
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3.	2006	2	1
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(d) : A number of steps have been taken by Delhi Police to stop cheating and harassment of foreign tourists by agents/taxi operators at IGI Airport, which, interalia, includes:

(i) Tourist Police has been deployed at the airport and at important tourist places to provide safety and security to the foreign tourists;

(ii) PCR vans have been stationed outside the arrival hall of the airport;

(iii) Patrolling has been intensified; and

(iv) Pre-paid taxi booths have been established which are manned by the persons appointed by the Delhi Police under close supervision of Traffic Police.