

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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THERMAL SCANNER FOR SWINE FLU

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to install Thermal Scanner at various airports in the country to check the cases of Swine Flu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the airports identified so far for the said purpose and the guidelines issued to all the airlines in this regard;
- (c) the expenditure incurred/likely to be incurred by the Government on setting up of such scanners; and
- (d) the time by which these scanners will be operational at various airports?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a) to (d) The utility of thermal scanners to detect passengers with fever have been assessed and it has been decided to install four such units on a pilot basis at Indira Gandhi International Airport at Delhi to screen passengers for Influenza A H1N1 [earlier referred as Swine Flu]. This would involve an expenditure of Rs. 42,72,188/- for four units. Two units have started functioning from 6th July, 2009. Its performance/utility at IGI Airport, Delhi would determine its replication to other international airports.