

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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FUNCTION OF ILS AT PATNA
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned 'Functioning of Instrument Landing System remained restricted' as reported in the Pioneer dated September 20, 2000;
- (b) whether ILS of Patna Airport had remained restricted for use since 1998;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government have taken/propose to take steps to ensure that all modern navigational aids at various airports are functioning in a proper way; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a):- Yes, sir.

(b) and (c):- The usability of Glide Path Signal is restricted to 300 feet above ground level instead of 200 feet above ground level as per the flight check of Instrument Landing System (ILS) at Patna Airport due to the existence of high trees in the approach of ILS Runway. Action is at hand to prune these trees by the State Government.

(d) and (e):- Airports Authority of India takes all necessary steps to ensure proper functioning of the navigational aids by ensuring regular maintenance and by carrying out regular calibration checks of these facilities. In-built monitoring system helps in changing the facility to standby system or shutting off the unit in case of malfunction. Remote status indicator gives the current status of the facility in the control tower.