

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3241
ANSWERED ON:16.03.2000
ESCALATOR AT MADRAS AIRPORT
T.T.V. DHINAKARAN

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a baggage of a passenger was sucked by the escalator at Madras Airport in December, 1999;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this escalator was installed/maintained by the same company that had installed the escalator at IGIAirport, Delhi where a girl was killed recently; and
- (d) if so, the steps that have been taken by the Government to avoid such accidents at the Airports?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION

(SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) & (b) :- The incident occurred due to improper use by passenger. The safety mechanism activated auto-matically and escalator tripped. No one was injured.

(c) :- Yes, Sir.

(d) :- The following steps have been taken by Airports Authority of India (AAI) to prevent recurrence of such incidents in future -

i) Instruction for use of these equipment have been displayed prominently for the benefit of the users; and

ii) The staff of all the agencies at airport have been imparted familiarisation training for use of the equipments and for dealing with unforeseen situation.