

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4331  
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PASSES TO VVIPs FOR ENTRY TO AIRPORT  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total number of passes at present issued to VVIPs or VIPs to enter into the International airports;
- (b) whether after the hijacking of IC-814, Government proposed to withdraw these passes;
- (c) if so, the main reasons therefor and the category from whom these passes are likely to be withdrawn;
- (d) if so, whether Government propose to enhance the security at airports instead of withdrawing passes from VIPs and VVIPs; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION

(SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) Total number of passes issued to the staff of VVIPs/ VIPs is 413 for facilitation of VVIPs/VIPs.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) Government has taken the following measures to enhance security at the airports:

- i)Deployment of Central Industrial Security Force(CISF)in place of State Police for security duties at the operational airports in a phased manner.
- ii)Frisking of passengers and hand baggage at the time of entry into sterile area has been tightened. Ladder-point secondary frisking has been introduced.
- iii)Strict control on access to the airports.
- iv)Deployment of Sky Marshals on flights at random basis as an added safety precaution.
- v)Raising of the perimeter wall to the prescribed height at all the operational airports.
- vi)Replacement of old X-Ray machines and installation of new colour X-Ray machines wherever necessary so as to ensure that atleast two X-Ray machines are available at every point.
- vii)Modernisation and upgradation of security related technological set up at the airports is being done in a phased manner.