

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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SECURITY WATCH TOWERS AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to construct Security Watch Towers/Sniper Towers with automatic Weapons at all the International Airports to thwart the possible terrorists attack;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total cost involved therein;
- (d) the time by which the work is likely to be completed; and
- (e) the extent to which it is expected to help the airports authority to deal with the security threat?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a) to (e): Security Watch Towers already exist at five international airports i.e. Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkatta, Chennai and Amritsar, and at eight domestic airports i.e. Srinagar, Jammu, Chandigarh, Udaipur, Coimbatore, Vadodara, Tirupati and Silchar. No more Watch Towers are planned at present. As regards Sniper Towers with automatic weapons, these are not considered suitable for airports.