

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:7
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SECURITY LAPSES AT AIRPORTS
ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether cases of security lapses at different airports have been noticed by the Government during the past three months;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any action has so far been taken against the guilty including the security personnel of airports;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to check the security lapses at airports?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b), (c), (d) & (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.7 24.7.2000.

(a) to (e): Yes, Sir. Four cases of security lapses viz. recovery of cartridges/pistol from the registered baggage of passengers of Jet Airways flights at Guwahati airport and Calcutta airport, recovery of ammunition from 'ashtray' of Alliance Air flight and entry of a person into airside of Pune airport, have come to the notice of the Government.

The Airlines concerned/Director General of Police of the concerned State Governments have been advised to take strict disciplinary action against the persons found responsible for such lapses and to tighten security to avoid recurrence of such incidents.

The following measures have been taken to strengthen security at airports:-

- i)Deployment of Central Industrial Security Force 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 the sterile area has been tightened. Ladder-point secondary frisking has been introduced at places where considered necessary.
- iii)Strict control on access to the airports is being ensured.
- iv)Deployment of Sky Marshals on flights on a random basis.
- v)Raising of the perimeter wall to the prescribed height at all operational airports.
- vi)Replacement of old X-ray machines and installation of new colour X-ray machines wherever necessary.
- vii)Modernisation and upgradation of security related technological set up at the airports is being done in a phased manner.