

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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ARRANGEMENTS AT AIRPORTS DURING FOG TIME
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether arrangements at Airport terminals to handle the rush of passengers during the fog-hit flight schedules are grossly inadequate;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this direction?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

- (a) No, Sir. All efforts are made by the Airports Authority of India (AAI)/ Ministry of Civil Aviation to ensure smooth handling of flights during every fog period.
- (b) and (c) Various steps taken by AAI in this regard, inter-alia, include setting up of control rooms at terminals, supply of additional foodstuff, mineral water, tea, coffee and beverages, forecasting of Meteorological Information regularly at an interval of six hours, provision of special counters to disseminate flight information, provision of additional chairs in all the terminals, prompt display of flight delays, positioning of additional staff for toilet cleaning, deployment of additional man power to look after congestion and customs, Immigration, X-ray machines and security. Besides, Airport Directors of Ahmedabad, Lucknow, Jaipur, Nagpur, Bhubaneswar, and Vadodara were insisted to gear up existing facilities like parking bays, safety services and increased watch hours for air traffic services to handle fog diverted air traffic from Delhi airport.