

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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SECURITY CHECKS FRISKING AT AIRPORTS .

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to lack of managerial and technical skills, passengers are facing a lot of inconvenience at various national and international airports during the security checks/frisking;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether due to time consuming in security checks/frisking, many flights get delayed for hours;

(d) if so, the estimated loss being incurred by the public sector airlines;

(e) whether the Government has taken any steps to find out a way of increasing security without inconveniencing passengers; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): There is no delay at airports specifically due to security reasons. However, on occasions, delays could occur particularly after issue of red alert when extra precautionary measures are instituted. Immediate action is taken to rectify the situation and remove the cause for delay. Training courses for staff are also organised so that passengers are not put to inconvenience.

(d) As delays attributable solely to security are negligible no loss has been incurred by public sector airlines on this account.

(e) & (f): The Government has taken certain steps like deployment of Central Industrial Security Force(CISF),Quick Reaction Teams(QRTs) at major airports, Sky Marshals on Indian air carriers, installation of Closed Circuit Televisions(CCTVs) etc. to strengthen security arrangements at the airports and minimise the inconvenience to passengers.