

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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LOSS TO AEROPLANE DUE TO BIRD HITS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether aeroplanes are hit by bird and as a result met with accidents often;
- (b) if so, the action taken to check this menace; and
- (c) the details of loss to aeroplanes due to bird hits during the last three years?

Answer

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

(a):- There has been no aircraft accident due to bird hits during the last three years.

(b)and (c):- Airfield Environment Management Committees have been constituted at those airport where scheduled flights operate to identify the sources of bird attraction and take remedial steps for prevention of such incidents. Various steps have been taken to reduce bird hits inside and outside the airports such as proper disposal of garbage, prevention of water logging, coverage of garbage dalaos, establishment of modern abattoirs, scaring and shooting of birds etc.