

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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EQUIPMENT FOR SMOOTH LANDINGS AT IGI AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to set up ultra modern equipment for smoother landings at IGI;
- (b) if so, the facts and the details thereof;
- (c) whether similar equipments would be set up at other important airports in the country; and
- (d) if so, the extent to which the landings of planes at airports will be safer?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Airports Authority of India (AAI) has already provided CAT-III B Instrument Landing System (ILS) at runway 28 at Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi. 3rd runway at IGI Airport, which is scheduled to be operationalised in June 2008, will also be equipped with CAT III B, ILS for approaches from either direction.

(c) AAI has provided ILS at 40 airports for smooth and safe landing of aircrafts under poor visibility conditions. AAI proposes to provide ILS facilities at Gaya, Kolkata (2nd runway), Tirupathy, Silchar, Calicut, Pune, Gondia, Surat, Chennai, Dehradun, Porbandar, Belgaum, Hubli, Vijaywada, Port Blair, Delhi (3rd runway) airports. There is also a proposal for replacement of ILS at Kolkata, Cochin and Delhi (at Runway 27 and Runway 10). Further, ILS systems are being upgraded at Lucknow, Jaipur & Amritsar airports from CAT I to CAT II.

(d) Landing of a plane becomes safer by providing ILS facilities as they provide landing guidance to the aircraft as per its operational category.