

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:91
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ACCIDENTS IN RUNWAYS/ AIRSTRIPS AT AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether accidents in airstrips/ runways have been occurring in various airports in the country particularly in Delhi airport;
- (b) if so, the details of such accidents occurred in the country during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether Government has taken any steps to avert the increasing number of such accidents;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a), (b), (c), (d) and (e):- A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in the parts (a) to (e) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question () No. 91 for 23/10/2008 regarding Accidents in Runways/Airstrips at Airports.

(a) and (b):- During the last three years and the current year there had been 7 accidents on the airstrips/runways in the country. None of the accidents occurred at Delhi airport. The details are 01 helicopter accident in 2005, 02 multi engine aircraft accident in 2006, 02 single engine and 01 multi engine aircraft accident in 2007 and 01 single engine helicopter accident in 2008.

(c) and (d):- To avoid air accidents, various accident prevention programmes have been initiated by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). Safety audits, surveillance inspections etc. are carried out to find out hazards in the operations/ engineering departments of the operator. Corrective action is taken to eliminate or reduce the hazards. Safety management system is being introduced with all service providers. Safety Recommendations emanating from the investigations are followed up by Directorate General of Civil Aviation for implementation by the concerned units to prevent recurrence of such accidents. In spite of tremendous increase in Passenger Traffic and number of Aircraft during the last few years, aircraft accident rate has come down.

(e):- Does not arise.