

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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POWER FAILURES AT AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether in the recent past several incidents pertaining to power failure at airports runways has taken place;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reasons for such power failure;
- (d) whether the alternative arrangements available at the airports for such incidents were also not working;
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the steps being taken by the Government to stop recurrence of such incidents in future?

Answer

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

- (a), (b) & (c): No Madam. However, there was a power failure for 19 minutes from 1938 IST to 1953 IST on 11.02.2010 at Mumbai airport due to accidental damaging of the Circuit Cable of both the Edge Lights of main runway.
- (d)& (e): Alternate sources of power (Commercial sources/ Generator/ UPS)were working properly but due to cable damage power failure could not be restored back.
- (f): Mumbai International Airport Limited has been advised:
 - (i) To incorporate a procedure to check the serviceability of both the circuits in coordination with ATC/Apron.
 - (ii) Procedure to be designed to ensure monitoring of continued serviceability of the standby circuit when not in use.
 - (iii) Designing of Standard safe operating procedure for construction work in the Vicinity of Runway, defining Do`s and Don`ts for preventing accidental damaging of power cables.
 - (iv) Immediate Safety inspection to be carried out by MIAL safety team consisting officers from safety and engineering.