

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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SCREENING OF BAGGAGE
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the X-BIS security checking of registered baggage of passengers at the International Airport in Delhi is not done by any Government agency but by employees of the Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL);
- (b) if so, whether entrusting such a sensitive responsibility to the said company is justified from the security point of view;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a),(b)&(c): Yes Madam. In-line Baggage Screening System has been installed at Terminal 1D and Terminal-2 where the X-BIS security screening of registered baggage is being carried out by Delhi International Airport Ltd. (DIAL) Security Staff. At Terminal 1-A, Baggage Screening is done by Air India Staff on Stand alone X-BIS upon the directions of BCAS as per prescribed specifications. The Ministry of Civil Aviation has approved that in-line screening of hold baggage to be transported by an aircraft operator from the airports in India, shall be carried out by trained and BCAS certified screeners of respective airport operator or NACIL or their Joint Venture at airports having in-line baggage Inspection System.

(d): In order to meet the increased requirement of the screeners Ministry of Civil Aviation has delegated powers to impart training and certifying screeners to National Aviation Company of India Limited (NACIL), adhering to the norms and standards prescribed by BCAS.