

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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INSTALLATION OF HIGH TECH EQUIPMENTS AT AIRPORTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to install high tech equipments in major airports of the country for handling of passengers and the luggage;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the funds to be invested on this modern technology; and
- (d) the time by which it is likely to be installed?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) Airports Authority of India (AAI) is installing 40 Passenger Boarding Bridges (PBB) at various airports in the country. In the first phase Passenger Boarding Bridges are being installed at following 15 airports namely, Ahmedabad, Nagpur, Pune, Aurangabad, Guwahati, Dibrugarh, Udaipur, Calicut, Amritsar, Trivandrum, Manglore, Vizag, Trichy, Srinagar, Jaipur. In second phase AAI is providing 16 Passenger Boarding Bridges (PBBs) at following airports viz. Chennai, Kolkata, Lucknow, Khajuraho, Madurai, Varanasi, Coimbatore, Bhopal, Indore, Raipur, Chandigarh, Goa, Bhubneshwar, Ranchi, Port Blair and Leh. For luggage modern Baggage Handling System is being installed at 8 airports in first phase i.e. Srinagar, Calicut, Ahmedabad, Chennai, Jaipur, Udaipur, Dibrugarh and Kolkata. In second phase Baggage Handling System is being provided at 19 airports i.e. Nagpur, Vizag, Amritsar, Aurangabad, Manglore, Lucknow, Khajuraho, Madurai, Varanasi, Coimbatore, Bhopal, Indore, Raipur, Chandigarh, Goa, Leh, Bhubneshwar, Port Blair and Ranchi Airport. AAI also plans to install In-line X-ray Baggage Inspection System at various airports. Delhi International Airport Private Limited (DIAL) proposes to install inline hold baggage screening in the new terminal-3 complex scheduled for commissioning in March 2010.

(c) The likely expenditure on installation of these high tech equipment will be approximately Rs.450 crores.

(d) The Passenger Boarding Bridges (PBBs) have already been installed at three airports i.e. Calicut, Trivandrum and Amritsar. Out of the 15 airports of the first phase and the PBBs in the remaining 12 airports is scheduled to be installed by December, 2009. In second phase installation of PBBs will be completed by December, 2010.

The luggage handling system has been installed at Srinagar, Calicut, Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Udaipur, Dibrugarh and Chennai airports. The installation at Kolkata airport is under progress and likely to be commissioned by October, 2009. Installation of In-line XBIS has been completed at Srinagar, Ahmedabad, Chennai and Calicut airports. Installation at Kolkata airport will be taken up after site is ready. Installation at 17 other airports are likely to be completed in the next one year.