

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3209
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ATC AT BENGALURU AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Air Traffic Control tower at Bengaluru International Airport is unguarded and unsafe because of its location outside the operational area of the airport which is under the cover of CISF commandoes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any steps have been taken either to provide CISF cover to the ATC tower or bring the tower inside the operational area under the Airport;and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not,the reason therefor?

Answer

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

(a), (b), (c) & (d): No, Madam. The ATC tower at bengaluru airport is guarded by CISF personnel on round the clock basis. Based on the observations made by DGCA, chain link fencing has been provided surrounding the back side and the eastern side of the ATC tower-cum-ATS block at this airport. Two armed CISF guards have been provided for security on round the clock basis.