

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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SECURITY FAILURE AT AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether three unidentified bags were found at the International Arrival Terminal of IGI Airport recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether these bags have been found amid a major security alert after the Pune blast recently;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the action taken against the officials responsible for the low security inspite of the high security alert; and
- (f) the other major steps taken to further tighten the security at major points?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. On 14th February, 2010 at approximately 1530 hrs, the BDDS Team of BCAS received a call from Terminal Manager of Terminal-II(International) that 03 unidentified baggages have been found at arrival hall near canteen by CISF.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. The BDDS team of BCAS reached the spot and carried out the necessary Render Safe Procedures (RSP) as per the Bomb Threat Contingency Plan of IGI Airport. The unidentified baggages were cleared and declared `Safe` and handed over to the Terminal Manager of IGI Airport by 1700 hrs. approximately.

(e): No action is required. Due to the alertness and routine anti-sabotage checks being carried out, these unidentified pieces of baggages were found.

(f): During the period of high alert, the BDDS Team of BCAS carries out additional random checks and also detailed anti sabotage checks of all the susceptible areas of the airport. BCAS officers also conducted monitoring during the high alert as well as normal condition to check the security arrangement at IGI Airport.