

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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BIRD HIT INCIDENTS  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of bird-hit incidents in the airports in the country airport-wise during the last two years;
- (b) the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to take any action to thwart such incidents; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a):A list of airport-wise bird hit incidents in India reported during the last two years is annexed.
- (b):The main reasons and contributory factors for bird strike incidents are; presence of slum clusters, garbage dump, dairy farms and abattoirs in the vicinity of the airport; grass and water logging inside the airport; improper garbage disposal and major construction activities in and around aerodromes.
- (c) and (d): Yes, Madam.The major steps taken to reduce bird-hits are as under:-
  - (i)A high power National Bird Control Committee (NBCC) has been set up by Government to monitor and adopt policy decisions for bird strikes prevention.
  - (ii)Grass cutting and checking water logging inside airports.
  - (iii) Scaring and shooting birds.
  - (iv) Wire meshing of hangars.
  - (v) Garbage dumping in covered bins and its early removal.
  - (vi) Regular joint inspection of areas around airports.
  - (vii) Establishment of modern abattoirs.