

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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INSTALLATION OF SCANNERS AT AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to install imaging scanner for full body Scanning at the airports in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the airports where Government proposes to install such scanners;
- (c) the cost involved in purchasing one scanner;
- (d) whether the Government has examined privacy angle in this matter;
- (e) if so, whether Government has obtained information regarding safety of health with the use of such scanners; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) Installation of Body Scanners is in process at IGI Airport in Security Hold Area as trial basis.

(c) The proposal is in initial stage, however the cost will be borne by the airport operators.

(d) Yes, Madam.

Screening of passengers will be observed by responsible officials (Female passenger's image will be viewed by the female officer only) and image shall not be stored, to ensure privacy of passengers.

(e) No, Madam.

(f) Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) which is regulatory body of this Ministry proposes to obtain clearance certificate regarding exposure to radiation from Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) before clearing the proposal.