

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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SECURITY OF FLIGHTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether none of the Indian aircraft that take off and land in visibility below 150 metres till now are equipped with vital assistive aid for pilots;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has set up a working group to examine the entire gamut of flight operations in low visibility;
- (d) if so, the details of the report of the working group;and
- (e) the steps taken or being taken by the Government for foolproof security for flight operation in the country?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): No Madam. All of the Indian aircraft that take off and land in visibility below 150 metres are equipped with proper instrumentation.
- (c) & (d): Yes, Madam. A working group has been set up to examine the flight operations in low visibility and the report is awaited.
- (e): Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) has issued circulars to conduct Secondary Ladder Point Checks of the passenger before boarding the flight. 100% frisking and checking of passenger and hand baggage / registered baggage is done with the help of X-Ray Baggage Inspection System (X-BIS), Hand Held Metal Detector (HHMD) and Door Frame / Walk through Metal Detector (DFMD) during high alert and even in normal period. Bomb Detection Dog Squad (BDDS) team of BCAS carries out additional random checks and detailed anti sabotage checks of flight randomly as well as at the airports. As a in-flight security measures, maximum number of Indian Air Carrier are covered with deployment of Sky Marshals on random basis in order to prevent any unlawful interference on board an aircraft.