

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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CALICUT AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware about the technical inadequacy of Calicut Airport for ensuring smooth landing of aircraft in bad weather;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that several flights are diverted to other airports due to the inconvenience on landing facility;and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government for the improvement of Calicut Airport?

Answer

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

(a), (b), (c) & (d): Madam, to ensure smooth landing of aircraft at Calicut airport, ILS for runway 28, VHF Omni Radio Range (VOR), Distance Measuring Equipment (DME), Non Directional Beacon (NDB) and other essential visual navigational aids for landing are operational. Sometimes when weather is below the Aerodrome Operating Minima of concerned airlines, their flights may either hold overhead Calicut airport and wait for improvement of weather or decide to divert to other airports. To improve the airport operations, an ILS for runway 10 and the automation of Aerodrome Control Tower for Calicut airport has been planned.