

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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VACANT POSTS IN BCAS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several higher posts in Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) including that of the commissioner have remained vacant for the last several months;
- (b) if so, the details of the posts grade-wise vacant in the BCAS till date;
- (c) whether tasks like holding mock exercises regularly to test the efficacy of contingency plans and operational preparedness of various agencies are not undertaken in the absence of these higher officers;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the action being taken by the Government to fill the vacancies urgently to safeguard the security at the airports?

Answer

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

- (a): In the interim period of selection of regular incumbent a Joint Secretary in the Ministry has been assigned the additional charge of Commissioner of Security (Civil Aviation) [COSCA]. Also for one post of Addl. COSCA, a similar arrangement has been made.
- (b): One post of Joint Commissioner of Security (Civil Aviation [Jt.COSCA], that is newly created and one post of Addl.COSCA are presently vacant.
- (c) & (d): No, Madam. Mock exercises are undertaken regularly.
- (e): The matter of appointment of COSCA, is being taken up with the Department of Personnel and Training. Appointment to the post of Jt.COSCA, newly created, is also under process. In respect of one post of Addl. COSCA, Ministry of Home Affairs has been requested to relieve the selected officer. Action in respect to filling in a regular incumbent for other post of Addl.COSCA, has also been initiated.