

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:431
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FAILURE OF RADAR SYSTEM AT AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the radar system at Delhi Airport's Traffic Control (ATC) had developed snags in the recent months;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of flights directly affected and its cascading delays particularly on VIP flights during this period;
- (c) whether incidents of radar failure has occurred at other airports also in the recent past; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the flights affected and the steps taken by the Government to prevent such incidents in future?

Answer

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

(a), (b), (c) & (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in reply to parts (a), (b), (c) & (d) of the Lok Sabha Starred () Question No.431 for 26-08-2010 regarding Failure of Radar System.

(a), (b): Yes, Madam. On 3rd August, 2010, one of the two radars installed at IGI airport, was unserviceable for about 4 hours due to cut in the optical fibre cable link. However, operations were not affected since the second radar was working.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. The details of radar failure are at Annexure-I. There was no flight disruption due to failure of radar at other airports. A proper and dedicated maintenance procedure of the radars is in place to undertake maintenance and to attend to the failures. Scheduled maintenance of radars and associated systems is carried out at regular intervals as per the laid down procedures. In case of radar failures due to breakdown, Air Traffic Services are provided through laid down non-radar procedures.