

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SECURITY AT THE AIRPORTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of some incidents of security lapses at the airports recently;
- (b) if so, the measures taken by the Government to prevent the recurrence of such incidents in future;
- (c) whether there is any mechanism for periodical review of the security system at the airports;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the total amount spent on security arrangements at airports during the last three years; and
- (f) the other measures being taken to strengthen the security at airports and in the flights?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam. The Govt. is aware of some minor incidents having taken place at airports. No major security lapse has come to the notice of the Govt.

(b): The incidents are being inquired into and the observations/outcome of the inquiry is being communicated to the concerned agencies for rectification and taking necessary actions against the individuals as per Rules.

(c)&(d): Yes, Madam. The review of security arrangements at airports is carried out by Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) from time to time. The security arrangements at the airports is being audited and inspected by the officers of the BCAS from time to time. Surprise checks are also being conducted from time to time to test the effectiveness of the screeners.

(e): Amount (Rupees in Crores) spent on security arrangements during last three years at airports are as under:

Airports manned by Airports Authority of India (AAI) :- 785.94

Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) :- 390.94

Mumbai International Airport Limited (MIAL) : - 291.75

Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) : - 222.65

Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL) : - 59.34

Hyderabad International Airport Limited (HIAL) : - 191.57

(f): The instructions for installation of CCTV and PIDS at airports have been issued by the Government. The Quick Reaction Teams (QRTs) of CISF/Local Police have been deployed at all airports and strict access control are being enforced. Entry into the airports are allowed strictly on the basis of Airport Entry Permits (AEPs). The Sky Marshals are deployed in flights. The Airlines have been instructed to deploy their own security staff to take care of the security of the aircraft, its access control and registered baggage etc.