

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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AIR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Jinxed air traffic management software, has been put on Indira Gandhi International Airport ahead of US President Barack Obama's visit to India which is complicated and making it difficult for air traffic controllers to monitor aircraft movement;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating its cost;
- (c) whether the software suffered glitches thrice in January and in July and it collapsed while live air traffic was being handled in Delhi Airport;
- (d) if so, whether no other international airport, except Dubai has installed this software, not even the US because of its erratic behaviour;
- (e) if so, the reasons for installing in India; and
- (f) the action taken/being taken against the erring officials?

Answer

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

- (a) No, Madam. As part of upgradation process a new software, Auto-Track-III is under test and validation process. The validation process has been underway much prior to US President Barack Obama's visit. However, ATC operations were conducted using existing Auto Track-2 system which is operating satisfactorily and air traffic controllers are not facing any difficulty in monitoring aircraft movement.
- (b) & (c) Do not arise.
- (d) Each airport, based on the operational requirements, choose the systems that are user specific and site specific.
- (e) As part of the upgradation process the new system has been planned to meet the operational requirements at Delhi and Mumbai.
- (f) The system is still under validation process.