

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF AN ACADEMY UNDER BCAS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an inter-ministerial group in 1993 had proposed setting up of an academy under Bureau of Civil Aviation Security;
- (b) if so, whether an amount of Rs. 16.87 lakh was also allocated for the said academy in 1996, but the site has not been selected for the said academy till date;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether five incidents of plane hijacking have taken place in our country so far;
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to prevent such incidents?

Answer

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

(a),(b)&(c): Yes, Madam. A provision of Rs. 16.87 Crore was approved in the Ninth Plan (1997-2002) in the year 1996 in the Plan of BCAS for setting up this academy. Government decided to establish a joint training academy for Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS), Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and Airports Authority of India (AAI) at Rangpuri in Delhi. Accordingly, Indian Aviation Academy has been set up under the aegis of National Institute of Aviation Management and Research Society.

(d),(e)&(f): Yes, Madam. So far, five hijackings involving Indian Air Carriers have taken place. The Government has issued AVSEC Order 05/2009 for deployment of manpower for the security of the registered baggage and aircraft to prevent lapses and tampering of baggage at airports. The Government has also issued Circular No. 33/2003 for installation of CCTV and monitoring of these CCTVs by the CISF and by the airlines. CISF personnel have been deployed in plain clothes for surveillance and to watch the activities of the suspicious passengers and employees. Quick Reaction Teams have also been placed at selected airports to deal with incidents of hijacking. These additional measures were taken apart from strengthening the perimeter Intrusion Detection System, modernizing the Passenger Baggage Screening Systems, CCTV etc.