

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:20  
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INCREASE IN NUMBER OF BIRD HIT INCIDENTS  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Delhi Airport has recorded rise in bird hits, due to operation of illegal slaughter houses near Airport areas;
- (b) if so, the action taken by the Government to close down such slaughter houses;
- (c) whether the Government has revived the National Bird Control Committee that would work on reducing cases of bird hits; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a):- Though Delhi Airport has recorded a rise in bird hits, the increase is not attributable to slaughter houses alone.
- (b):- Airfield Environment Management Committees (AEMC) have been constituted at those airport where scheduled flights operate, to identify the sources of bird attraction and take remedial steps for prevention of such incidents. In the AEMC meeting held on 28/04/2009 at Delhi airport, chaired by Secretary, Environment, Delhi Government, Municipal Corporation of Delhi, Delhi Police were advised by the Chairman to take immediate action to remove illegal slaughtering houses and meat shops.
- (c) and (d):- Yes, Sir. A high power National Bird Control Committee (NBCC) has been set up under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Civil Aviation and having representatives from Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Director General of Civil Aviation, Airports Authority of India, Airline and Airport operators, Ornithologists etc. to effectively coordinate various measures for preventing bird hit incidents.