

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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BUREAU OF CIVIL AVIATION SECURITY
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recently reviewed the working of Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS);
- (b) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to revamp the BCAS;and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS & MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a)&(b): Yes, Madam. The review of working of Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) is done from time to time. Recently, during review, manpower shortage was noticed.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. Government have recently engaged the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) to execute a project titled `Study of Aviation Security arrangements and Procedures in India`. The objective of the project is to review the (i) restructuring of administration of the existing Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (ii) setting up of a dedicated Aviation Security Force (iii) to design a robust operational framework for aviation security, striking the right balance between Aviation Security and passenger facilitation, taking into account the various airport operation models in India as well as models in other countries, and (iv) to propose alternative mechanism, if any, to discharge non-core security functions in airports.