

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:489

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OPERATIONAL FAILURE IN DELHI AIRPORT .

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the operations at Terminal 3 of Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi were hit for over four hours following an electrical fault in one of the power transformers recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reasons for not providing back-up facility;
- (d) the details of flights cancelled/delayed/diverted as a result thereof;
- (e) the outcome of the inquiry conducted in this regard; and
- (f) the steps taken/being taken to prevent the recurrence of such incidents in future?

Answer

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

(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) & (f): A Statement is laid on the Table House.

Statement in reply to part (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) & (f) of the Lok Sabha Starred () Question No. 489 for 07.09.2011 regarding Operational Failure in Delhi Airport.

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. On 07th August, 2011, due to the power failure at Terminal-3 of IGI Airport, New Delhi, the essential services were affected for about 4 hours. The power interruption was mainly in the essential load consisting of :-

- (i) Terminal building and pier lighting;
- (ii) Uninterrupted power supply system (UPS);
- (iii) Baggage Handling System;
- (iv) Passenger Boarding Bridges; and
- (v) Escalators and Travelators including lifts.

(c): The backup system was available but it could not be activated due to the fault in the power distribution system.

(d): Total 79 flights were delayed because of power outage.

(e) & (f): In order to go through the entire sequence of events, the Ministry of Civil Aviation has constituted a Committee to

- (i) study the reasons and circumstances of power failure,
- (ii) review the existing arrangements and Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to meet such an exigency and security and safety implications, and
- (iii) suggest remedial measures to prevent such events in future. The findings of the Committee are awaited.