

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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THEFT CASES IN IGI

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of passenger luggage theft cases occurred at Indira Gandhi International Airport during the year 2010 and 2011, till date;
- (b) the reasons for increased incidents of thefts alongwith the value of luggage stolen in each of the said cases;
- (c) the number of the said cases reported by Air India to Delhi Police and CISF during the above period;
- (d) whether the security agencies concerned have their roles clearly specified in terms of baggage protection and other security related aspects;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (f) whether the baggage trolleys of Air India are open while the trolleys of other airlines are closed; and
- (g) if so, the reasons for not using the closed trolleys alongwith the steps taken by the Government/Air India to check such incidents?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS & MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

- (a) The number of passenger luggage theft cases at Indira Gandhi International Airport during the year 2010 and 2011 (till date) are 16 and 25 respectively.
- (b) The reasons for increased incidents of thefts and their magnitude vary depending upon the situation and places of their occurrence. The exact value of the stolen luggage cannot be ascertained in the absence of any assessment of the value of each stolen item.
- (c) The number of cases reported to Delhi Police by Air India and CISF is 02 and 01 respectively.
- (d) & (e) Yes, Madam. The Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) has issued AVSEC Circular No.33/2003 for installation of CCTV and monitoring of these CCTVs by the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) and the airlines etc. The CISF is also deploying their surveillance staff in plain clothes to watch the activities of the suspicious persons. AVSEC Order 05/2009 has been issued by the BCAS and the airlines have been asked to deploy security staff for the security of baggage, cargo and aircraft.
- (f) & (g): Most of the Air India trolleys are covered and a few trolleys that are open are covered with tarpaulin sheets during monsoons. The closed trolleys are also open to one side.