

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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STRAY ANIMALS IN AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the instances of animals straying into airports/ runways and disrupting air traffic during the last three years and the current year, airport-wise; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to prevent such incidents?

Answer

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

(a) The details of instances of animals straying into airport/runways and disrupting air traffic during the last three years and current year, airport wise is enclosed as Annexure-A.

(b)

(i) A high power National Bird Control Committee (NBCC) has been set up by Government of India to monitor and adopt policy decision for bird/ wildlife strikes prevention.

(ii) Airfield Environment Management Committees (AEMC) have been constituted at every airport where scheduled flight operate, to identify sources of stray animals/ bird attraction at the airport and take necessary steps for bird strike prevention.

(iii) Aircraft Rule 1937 Rule 91 has been amended to make disposal of garbage in the open within 10 kms. of the airport as a cognizable offence.

(iv) Aircraft Rule 1937 Rule 90 (penalties) have been amended and a fine of Rs. One Lakh or imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or with both, have been imposed on rule violators for offence leaving any animal object or bird in the movement area of an aerodrome.

(v) The few other steps taken by the Government to prevent such incidents are as below:-

Fixing of frills on electrically operating gates from the air side.

Installation of grills, to prevent entry of animals from water drainage points in operational area and installation of cow catchers at entry gates.

Regular patrolling by apron control staff and airport security to find out breaches, if any, in perimeter wall/fencing and timely action thereof.

Bird/animal chasers engaged at airports for bird scaring and chasing away animals.

Regular coordination is being done with the state govt. during the AEMC meeting for maintaining clean airport surroundings,

Creating awareness among the staff and the people discussing the incidents in various forums like Apron Safety Committee Meeting, Runway Safety Committee Meeting and during Safety Awareness Programmes.

Necessary help is taken from NGOs and Wild Life Organisations for catching of wild/stray animals.