

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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CANCELLATION OF FLIGHTS DUE TO FOG

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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has recently taken a serious note of the flight disruptions due to fog despite most airlines claiming to have CAT-II trained pilots;
- (b) if so, the details of the domestic and international flights cancelled or delayed due to fog during the past two months;
- (c) the losses suffered by the airlines due to fog, diversion of flights and hovering of aircraft due to congestion at airports during the above period;
- (d) whether most of the private airlines are not keen to provide training to their pilots for CAT-II or III; and
- (e) if so, the action taken by DGCA against private airlines which are not providing training to their pilots for CAT-II or III?

**Answer**

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

(a) In order to streamline flight operations during fog a meeting was convened on 9th November 2011 which was attended by representatives of Airports Authority of India, Scheduled Domestic Airlines, Foreign Carriers, Delhi International Airport Limited, Indian Meteorological department and Central Industrial Security Force. All the stake holders were advised on the issues placed in Annexure I.

Government has also laid down guidelines for Aircraft operations during low visibility vide Aeronautical Information Circular No. 11 of 2009, which is available on DGCA's website [www.dfca.nic.in](http://www.dfca.nic.in).

(b); and (c); No flight has been cancelled during this period on account of fog. However, a few delays have occurred due to fog. DGCA does not maintain record of losses suffered due to fog.

(d); and (e); Scheduled domestic airlines have sufficient number of CAT III trained pilots commensurate with CATIII compliant aircraft in their fleet. Airlines-wise details are enclosed at Annexure II.