

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether incidents of aircraft getting uncomfortably close to each other violating the specifications regarding minimum distance they must maintain for safe flying have come to light in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year?
- (c) whether air proximity rate has been rising sharply;
- (d) if so, the response of the Government thereon and the corrective measures taken or proposed to be taken in the matter;
- (e) whether there is a shortage of air traffic management staff; and
- (f) if so, the steps taken by the Government to improve air safety?

Answer

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a) to (c): There have been instances of aircraft getting close to each other, resulting into Airprox incident. The number of instances of Airprox reported in last three years and the current year are as follows:

Year	Airprox
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2008	28
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2009	15
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2010	22
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2011	26
(upto	
Nov.11)	

(d): Corrective measures taken so far and the actions proposed in future to avoid such incidents are given in Annexure-I.

(e): No Sir, However, to cater to increasing future requirements, training and recruitment of Air Traffic Controllers is being carried out by Airport Authority of India (AAI).

(f): Steps taken to improve air safety are as per Annexure-I.