

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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LACK OF FIRE FIGHTING SYSTEMS AT AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether many airports in the country lack adequate fire fighting systems to deal with in the event of fire;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether IGI Airport in New Delhi has been facing fire accidents frequently; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a)&(b): Adequate Fire Fighting System like Automatic Fire Detector, Sprinkler System, Hydrant System, Wet Riser, Fire Pump, Fire Dampers in air-conditioning system and First aid Fire Fighting Equipment & Fire Extinguishers have been provided at the Airports.

(C): After privatization of IGI Airport in 2006, only one fire incident happened on the night of 04/05th January, 2012 in one of the airlines office located on the 1st floor of the Import Cargo complex.

(d): Short circuit in one of the airline office was the cause of fire. In order to avoid recurrence of such incidents in future, fully functional addressable fire alarm system are already in place. Further, 100% functionality of all the fire detection and protection systems is ensured through regular testing of the systems and conducting Fire drills periodically.