

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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IDENTIFICATION OF CRITICAL AIRPORTS BY DGCA
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has conducted a countrywide survey to identify the critical airports;
- (b) if so, the details of the survey made, State-wise alongwith the airports/airstrips identified as critical;
- (c) the suggestions made in the survey and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (d) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard, airport-wise, and airstrip-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a)to(d): The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has not conducted countrywide survey to identify critical airport. However after the Mangalore crash, 11 Airports viz. i.e. Leh, Kullu, Simla, Port Blair, Agartala, Lengpui, Calicut, Mangalore, Jammu, Patna and Latur, which were considered critical Airports from flight operations point of view have been inspected. As a part of Safety reassurance drive, the airport systems, facilities and procedures in these airports were thoroughly reviewed by DGCA to enhance the safety of aircraft operations at these airports. Inspections were carried out by team of officials from Flight Operations and Aerodrome standards directorate. On the basis of suggestions in the inspections following actions have been taken to enhance the safety at the aerodromes with the aerodrome operators viz.

- (i) provision of runway end safety area;
- (ii) ensure proper marking on runway;
- (iii) proper maintenance of basic strip and ensuring frangibility criteria;
- (iv) periodic calibration of Navigational aids;
- (v) maintenance of runway surface with appropriate friction level;
- (vi) removal of obstructions and proper marking and lighting of permissible obstacle;
- (vii) safety risk assessment in respect of non-compliances.