

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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THEFT AT IGI AIRPORT

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of passenger luggage theft cases occurred at Indira Gandhi International Airport during the last three months alongwith the number of persons arrested so far in this connection;
- (b) the reasons for increased incidents of thefts alongwith the value of luggage stolen in each of the said cases;
- (c) the number of the said cases reported by Air India to Delhi Police and CISF during the above period;
- (d) whether the security agencies concerned have their roles clearly specified in terms of baggage protection and other security related aspects;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (f) whether the baggage trolleys of Air India are open while the trolleys of other airlines are closed; and
- (g) if so, the reasons for not using the closed trolleys alongwith the steps taken by the Government/Air India to check such incidents?

Answer

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a)&(b): As per the information given by Delhi Police, during the month of December 2011, 3 cases were registered at Indira Gandhi International Airport, in which 2 persons have been arrested. During January 2012, 1 case was registered and 1 person was arrested. In the month of February 2012, 2 cases have been registered, in which 2 persons have been arrested. Details of the cases and the approximate value of the luggage stolen is at annexure-I.

(c): As per the details furnished by Delhi Police, Air India has reported 1 case during the last 3 months and no case has been reported by CISF during the corresponding period.

(d)&(e): Yes, Madam. Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) has issued orders for the protection of passenger baggage by the aircraft operator. The airline security staff are deployed in baggage break up/make up area and aircraft holds while loading and off-loading of passenger baggage. All the baggage trolleys are escorted from arrival aircraft to baggage break up and on departure from baggage make up area to aircraft. Strict surveillance is maintained to avoid any theft/pilferage from passenger's baggage. Surprise checks are also conducted by the airline security staff. Besides, entire baggage movement area and conveyor belt is under CCTV and under surveillance of CISF.

(f)&(g): It has been informed by Air India that in wide body aircraft, all passenger baggage are loaded into closed containers, which are sealed and escorted by security personnel, upto the departure aircraft. In case of Narrow body aircraft, normal trolleys are used and escorted by security staff.