

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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CAT III B COMPLIANT TRAINED PILOTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of trained pilots who can handle CAT-III B compliant aircraft under poor visibility;
- (b) the number of airports in the country which can handle such flights;
- (c) the number of airports where such facilities have been installed till the end of the Eleventh Plan; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to install latest equipments at the airports to avoid flight delays and cancellations under adverse weather conditions?

Answer

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

- (a): Details of CAT IIIB trained pilots are as follows: Pilot in Command (P1) = 926 Co-Pilot/ First Officer (P2) = 657
- (b): Indira Gandhi International Airport is the only airport which can handle ILS CAT-IIIB flights.
- (c): ILS CAT-IIIB facility has been installed at IGI Airport for Runways-28, 11 and 29 till the end of the Eleventh Plan.
- (d): (i) ASMGCS (Advanced Surface Movement Guidance and Control System), which is required for CAT-IIIB operations, is operational at Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Hyderabad and Bangalore Airports.
(ii) ASMGCS is also planned for Ahmedabad, Amritsar, Jaipur, Lucknow and Guwahati Airports, which have fog bound conditions.
- (iii) CAT-II system at Jaipur Airport is likely to be implemented after Runway extension.
- (iv) Co-located Primary Radar (ASR)/ Secondary Radars (MSSR) are being implemented at 6 airports.
- (v) Secondary Surveillance Radars (MSSR) at 9 airports/locations is under various stages of implementation.
- (vi) ADS-B is being installed at 14 Airports.
- (vii) Implementation of Central Air Traffic Flow Management for balancing demand versus capacity and for reducing delays/ cancellations even in case of adverse weather is in the final stages of planning.