GOVERNMENT OF INDIA CIVIL AVIATION LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether agencies such as Airports Authority of India, National Security Guard and Bureau of Civil Aviation, Security have analyzed the security risks at different airports in the country and also noticed deficiencies shortcomings in the security of some airports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total amount spent on security arrangements at various airports during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(d) the other measures being taken to strengthen the security at airports and flights?

Answer

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a) & (b): The assessment of the security risks at different airports in the country is made on the basis of threat inputs received from different intelligence agencies. The shortcomings noted during the security audits/inspections are communicated to concerned agencies for remedial action. The details are secret in nature, hence cannot be divulged.

- (c): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.
- (d): The other measures taken to strengthen the security at airports and flights are as under:-
- (i) City side counter terrorist measures and placement of QRTs;
- (ii) Strict access control to regulate entry into terminal building, airside, operational area and other aviation facilities;
- (iii) Stringent enforcement of all anti-sabotage measures;
- (iv) Intensive checking of vehicles entering car parks to preclude possibility of car bomb attacks;
- (v) Enhanced screening of passengers, staff and visitors;
- (vi) Stringent secondary screening of passengers before boarding;
- (vii) Enhanced screening and protection of hold baggage, cargo, catering, mails etc.
- (viii)Surveillance through CCTV as well as manual surveillance in and around the terminal buildings and operational areas;
- (ix) Nakas at the approach road to airport for random checking of vehicles, person, articles;
- (x) All unattended articles to be reported and checked;
- (xi) Enhanced surveillance during the operational hours;
- (xii) Extra security measures for perimeter patrolling and guarding of funnel area during operational hours;
- (xiii) Any other security measures based on the local intelligence inputs.