

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DAMAGE TO DELHI AIRPORT

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether new structure at the Delhi Airport was badly damaged due to heavy downpour in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which damage caused to the airport infrastructure and sufferings of the passengers thereof;
- (c) whether any steps have been taken to upgrade the facilities at the IGI airport, Delhi;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) & (b): A small area of the roof was affected with no damage to the supporting roof structure of the departure Terminal 1D or the airport infrastructure. Some of the roof sheeting were blown off (about 8%) due to very high velocities winds, leading to water leakages through the affected areas. Normal passengers operations were affected for about 1.5 hours owing to poor visibility conditions at the runway. All the flights, though delayed, took off subsequently.

Basic essential steps were taken immediately. Thereafter, further measures were put in place as a precaution, to ensure that the affected sheets were firmly anchored. The roof sheeting was set right overnight by M/s. Delhi International Airport Pvt. Ltd., ensuring normal operations next day. A complete review of the roofing system has been undertaken.

(c), (d) & (e): The new domestic departure terminal (T1D) about 35,000 sq. mt. is double the size of existing terminal with 72 check-in counters and an in-line baggage facility, 15 security channels, 15 bus boarding gates, a wide variety of food & beverages and retail opportunities, a children's play area, child care room and many other initiatives to improve the passenger travel experience at the Domestic Terminal.

The measures taken at Terminal 1C (Domestic Arrival Terminal) are as under:

Interiors have been upgraded to give a 'grand entry' experience; column and wall cladding and false ceiling works completed; all toilets renovated and dedicated disabled toilets with electrically opening doors installed; significant re-grading and re-profiling of service roads to minimize flooding of T1C from surrounding land.

The measures taken at International Terminal-T2: Increased number of check-in counters from 78 to 100 with additional CUTE facilities; Implemented in-line X-ray Baggage screening system with reduced operating charges to airlines; renovation works for nine (9) passenger boarding bridges with renovated flooring, granite cladding, new ceilings and new air conditioning units; constructed new Car & Taxi Staging areas; Upgraded Visitors Lounge to include 2 new F&B facilities with hot and cold cooked food.