

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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AVIATION SECURITY FORCE

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the International Civil Aviation Organization has recommended that a special force under the Ministry of Civil Aviation be constituted to guard the airports;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) presently maintaining security at airports is likely to be replaced by the said Aviation Security Force;
- (d) if so, the time by which this change is likely to be made effective; and
- (e) the role of CISF thereafter in airport security?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI K. C. VENUGOPAL)

(a) to (e): To strengthen the Civil Aviation Security in the country, Ministry of Civil Aviation engaged a team of experts from the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) to carry out a detailed study of the existing security system at the airports and suggest measures to improve the same. The ICAO study report, which has been accepted by the Government, has suggested establishing a dedicated Aviation Security Force (ASF) under the command and control of the Ministry of Civil Aviation which is supposed to be completely integrated with the aviation industry, in line with the practices across the world. To pursue the matter further, a Sub-group was constituted by the Ministry of Civil Aviation to examine the recommendations of ICAO study report on creation of a dedicated specialized ASF. This Sub-group has also recommended constitution of a dedicated, specialized ASF under the command and control of Ministry of Civil Aviation. Further necessary action has been initiated to approach Cabinet Committee on Security for seeking its approval.