

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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MEDICAL CENTRES AT AIRPORTS  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the medical facilities provided at various airports in the country;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to set up 24 hour medical centres at various airports including Bangalore to screen passengers in the wake of the outbreak of swine flu;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the other steps being taken by the Government to upgrade the medical facilities at airports?

**Answer**

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

(a),(b), (c) & (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in reply to parts (a), (b), (c) & (d) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 219 for 03.12.2009 regarding Medical Centres at Airports.

(a) At Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport, Delhi, medical centres are being operated by Apollo Hospitals and are equipped to handle any kind of medical emergency. International terminal has four bedded medical room and domestic terminals have 5 bedded medical room with ICU level facilities. At Chhatrapati Shivaji International (CSI) Airport, Mumbai medical facilities are available at all the terminals with the facility of dedicated ambulance. There is also a facility of 12 bedded medical centre equipped with emergency medicines and crash ambulances. There are 36 Automatic Electronic Defibrillators (AEDs) installed throughout the terminals for cardiac arrest cases. Bangalore International Airport (BIAL) has an arrangement with Columbia Asia Hospital, a reputed Hospital, for establishment of a pharmacy cum medical room in the passenger terminal, a cardiac emergency ambulance with medication and equipments and also an arrangement of atleast 100 beds in local hospitals in the event of any emergency. Airports Authority of India (AAI) has set up Medical Inspection Rooms for emergencies and first Aid at the international airports at Chennai, Kolkata and Trivandrum. These Medical Inspection Rooms are manned by medical officers of AAI. AAI has also established Medical Inspection Rooms at other operational airports/ civil enclaves of AAI. The airports where such facilities are established and maintained are Patna, Ahmedabad, Pune, Goa, Vadodara, Jaipur, Lucknow, Udaipur, Bagdogra, Dimapur, Calicut, Madurai, Mangalore and Vizag. In addition, State Governments have also established Medical Inspection Rooms at Ranchi, Jammu, Leh, Srinagar and Lengpui airports. At other airports, AAI provides the facility of First Aid.

(b) & (c) Medical rooms at IGI Airport and CSI Airport operate round the clock supported by dedicated ambulance. At BIAL, Directorate of Health Services have been providing the requisite health services in the airport health office which include health screening and inspection of passengers to prevent international spread of Yellow Fever, SARS, Avian Influenza etc. Doctors have been screening international passengers round the clock. AAI has also established proper and adequate medical screening facilities in coordination with Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for handling international passengers affected with Swine Flu. Such airports, where medical screening facilities for screening of Swine Flu are NSCB I Airport (Kolkata), Chennai Airport, Trivandrum Airport, Ahmedabad Airport, Goa Airport, Amritsar Airport, Coimbatore Airport, Trichy Airport, Jaipur Airport, Lucknow Airport, Calicut Airport, Nagpur Airport, Mangalore Airport, Pune Airport, Varanasi Airport and Srinagar Airport.

(d) On matter relating to Swine Flu (H1N1 Flu), a meeting of the Committee of Secretaries was held on 3rd September, 2009 to check the spread of Swine Flu and according to the recommendations, airport operators have been directed to take necessary steps. In this regard, AAI has tied up with private hospitals at some of the airports to provide quality emergency treatment at the fastest possible time.