

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:600

ANSWERED ON:08.05.2013

BCAS PILOT PROJECT

Gaikwad Shri Eknath Mahadeo;Paranjpe Shri Anand Prakash

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) has conducted a pilot project in which the air passengers are required to take off their shoes and belts to clear pre-boarding security checks;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the purpose behind this move;
- (c) whether the Government is also considering the use of millimetre wave technique body scanners;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the manner in which the above systems are likely to be better placed from the existing system and the time by which these measures are likely to be put into operation?

Answer

Minister of CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

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

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (A), (B), (C), (D) & (E) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 600 REGARDING BCAS PILOT PROJECT TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.05.2013.

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) standards for Door Frame Metal Detectors (DFMDs) require that 'all the passengers before passing through the DFMD must be divested of all types of metallic items. The shoes must also be removed before passing through the DFMD. The preparation area at the security cleared point for the above purpose should be improved and made adequate to obviate any unlawful interference with civil aviation operations'. A pilot study was conducted in January, 2012 for operationalization of the standards for DFMD. The purpose behind the move was to improve security in aviation.

(c): No, Madam. There is no proposal under consideration of the Government at present to install millimeter wave body scanners at the airports.

(d) & (e): Do not arise.