

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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FIRE ACCIDENTS AT AIRPORTS  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a major fire broke out in one of the hangars at Begumpet airport;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the loss estimated;
- (c) the details of other such incidents in other airports in the country during the last three years and the current year; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken to avoid such fire accidents at airports in future?

**Answer**

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

a): Yes, Madam.

(b): A major fire accident occurred in Hangar No. 3 located in premises of Begumpet Airport, Hyderabad on 17.12.12 at about 2315 IST (11:15 PM). Total seven aircraft comprising one helicopter Augusta 139 of Government of Andhra Pradesh and six training aircraft (04 airworthy and 02 non- airworthy) belonging to Andhra Pradesh Aviation Academy were destroyed. According to the preliminary report given by Andhra Pradesh Aviation Academy, the total financial loss works out to be about Rs. 5 crores for Andhra Pradesh Aviation Academy, Rs. 63 crores for Andhra Pradesh Aviation Corporation Ltd., Govt. of Andhra Pradesh and Rs. 3 crores for Airports Authority of India.

(c): No such incident reported during the last three years and the current year.

(d): Following instructions regarding fire prevention and protection to airport infrastructure including aircraft hangars have already been issued to all airports vide Fire Order No. 5 of 2012. Some of the major instructions are as follows:

Joint monthly inspection by a team comprising of executives from fire, civil and electrical/electronic engineering.?

to check functioning of the fire dampers, in the AHU i.e. testing and inter-locking with blower motor.?

Officer-in-charge of the respective airports undertake an in-depth survey, annually to assess the adequacy/augmentation of fire fighting facilities such as water supply sources, capacity of water storage tank, hydrant/wet riser/sprinkler system. ?

Fire detection/alarm system, First Aid Fire Fighting Appliances or any other Fire Fighting Equipment/Accessories to combat fire or to ensure effective fire protection.