

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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WATERLOGGING AT IGI AIRPORT

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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether recent heavy rainfall led to waterlogging at Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport in New Delhi causing diversion of some flights and inconvenience to the passengers;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;and

(c) the steps taken/being taken to prevent recurrence of such incidents?;

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(a) &(b) As per information received from Delhi International Airport (P) Ltd., on 16th June, 2013, due to adverse weather conditions and poor drainage in areas outside IGI Airport premises coupled with unprecedented heavy rainfall led to back flow of water towards the terminal. The water was drained out in 20 minutes. There was no disruption of any services and/or delay in departure or arrival of flights. Some essential systems were temporarily switched off for precautionary and safety measures.

(c) Following steps have been taken by the airport authorities to prevent recurrence of such unprecedented incidents:-

# 9 very large pumps totaling 500 HP have been installed at strategic locations to pump out excess water from the drain.

# All pumping points are manned round the clock

# Every 3rd day the drains are cleaned

# Regular mock drills are conducted for training purposes of the operations and maintenance teams

# installation of sluice gate to stop water flowing from outside.

# additional skilled manpower has been deployed