

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3002  
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PLANES FLY AT LOW LEVELS  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware that planes fly at very low level while landing at Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) and Palam Airport thereby disturbing the residents in the nearby areas of New Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) &(b): Yes, Madam. Some of the settlements that are located very close to the airport fall in the final approach path which the landing aircraft follow to make a safe landing at the airport.

(c) With a view to mitigate Aircraft Noise in the vicinity of IGI Airport, the following steps are taken: Continuous Descent Approach (CDA) Procedures have been implemented at IGI Airport since 21st October, 2012.

# Aircraft with performance as specified in ICAO Annexe 16 Vol.I Chapter 2 (like IL76 and B-737-200) are not permitted at IGI Airport during night from 2200 to 0600 hrs of the next day w.e.f. 16.02.2012 except that Ministry of Defence aircrafts are allowed to operate from runway 09/27.

Besides above, Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has issued the following circulars to address this issue:-

# Aviation Environment Circular 1 of 2010

# Aviation Environment Circular 2 of 2010

#Aviation Environment Circular 1 of 2011

# Aviation Environment Circular 3 of 2011

# Aviation Environment Circular 3 of 2013

These are available on DGCA`s website and are being complied with by IGI Airport and airlines.