

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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CANCELLATION OF FLIGHTS DUE TO FOG
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of domestic and international flights cancelled due to fog in Delhi during the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) the reasons for failure in use of very high quality low visibility landing equipment during fog conditions;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to make Delhi Airport a 'Zero Diversionary' one at the earliest; and
- (d) the further steps taken by the Government to look into the issues pertaining to international operations during fog season?

Answer

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

(a) :The total number of domestic and international flights cancelled due to fog in Delhi are as under:

Year	No. of flights cancelled;
2011-12	53
2012-13	55
2013-14 (till 31st Jan' 14)	139

(b): At IGI Airport, Runway 28, Runway 29 & Runway 11 are equipped for ILS CAT-III B operations. The aircraft can land on these Runways in lower visibility condition up to 50m RVR (Runway Visual Range) subject to aircraft being certified & crew being trained & current.

(c) and (d): The ILS installed at IGI Airport is certified for CAT III B operations i.e. upto RVR 50M. Since visibility/RVR reduces below 50M RVR therefore Delhi Airport can not be made Zero diversionary.

CAR Section 3 Series C part II Para 10.08 prescribe that the operators, who do not have ILS Category IIIA/IIIB compliant aircraft in the fleet together with appropriately trained/ rated pilots, shall plan their Winter Fog Schedule to/from Delhi from 1000 hours to 2000 hours so as to avoid disruption of approved schedule.

AIC 11 of 2009 prescribe that Airlines shall ensure that only those pilots who are adequately trained and certified for Low Take-off Minima are rostered for operating flights during low visibility conditions from/to Delhi to ensure aircraft operation during low visibility conditions especially during CAT II and CAT III-A/B conditions.

Airline wise number of Pilots trained with various Schedule Airlines for ILS CAT II/III operations is attached at Annexure.