

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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SECURITY OF AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of safety and security at the airports of the country at present;
- (b) whether the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) has been conducting examinations/tests for the security officials of various agencies deployed at the airports to assess their knowledge;
- (c) if so, the details of these examinations/tests conducted by BCAS during the last three years and the current year along with their outcomes, agency-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to meet the challenges of aviation security in the country?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Dr Mahesh Sharma)

- (a): Adequate security and safety measures are in place at the airports as per the international norms, and these measures are also updated from time to time.
- (b): Yes, Madam.
- (c): The details are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.
- (d): Regular meetings with the concerned security agencies and airport operators are held in Ministry of Civil Aviation and BCAS to address the issues relating to removal of deficiency of security infrastructure. In addition, BCAS has issued necessary guidelines/instructions from time to time to meet the challenges of aviation security at the airports. Some of the steps taken to strengthen security arrangements include time bound deployment of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) at airport, deployment of quick reaction teams at major airports and regular monitoring of security arrangements by inspections and dummy checks.