

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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BIRD STRIKE INCIDENTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is an increase in the number of bird strike incidents during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the number of bird strike incidents reported during the said period; and
- (c) the measures taken/being taken by the Airports Authority of India to prevent birds in and around airports?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri G. M. Siddeshwara)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. There is an increase in number of bird strike incidents in the year 2013-14 in comparison to previous years.

Year wise bird strike incidents are as under

2011-12	197
2012-13	66
2013-14	230
2014-15	43 (up to June, 2014)

(c) Air ports authority of India has taken the following measures to prevent birds in and around airports:

- (i) Regular grass cutting and removal of shrubs
- (ii) Evolving effective drainage system
- (iii) Pigeon proofing of hangars and airport buildings
- (iv) Regular insecticide spraying
- (v) Deployment of bird scaring devices
- (vi) Trees in the operational area and adjacent to boundary wall are cut/pruned to avoid nesting/roosting by birds.
- (vii) Creating awareness among employees of agencies at Airport about measures to avoid bird attractions.
- (viii) Conducting of Airport Environment Management Committee meetings regularly at airports
- (ix) Removal of dairy farms, piggeries and poultry farms within 10 Km area of the airport, creation of closed garbage collection bins, establishment of modern slaughter houses, covering of open drains and preventing water stagnation in the vicinity of airport in coordination with local municipal bodies.