

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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COLLAPSE OF GLASS PANELS AT CHENNAI AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there have been several instances of collapse of glass panels at Chennai Airport in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Airports Authority of India (AAI) has conducted any investigation in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details and the findings thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by AAI to stop recurrence of such incidents in future?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : Yes, Madam. 15 instances of collapse of glass panels have been reported at Chennai airport in the last one year. There are a total of 7052 glass panels at Chennai airport. Any collapse of glass panel is not good; however, it is below the glass industry reported 8-10 instances per 1000 during the initial period of installation.;

(c) & (d) : The Airports Authority of India (AAI) has engaged IIT Madras as a consultant for analyzing the design and quality of the material of the structural glazing at Chennai Airport. The investigation is in progress.;

(e) : AAI has created a stainless steel guard to prevent the access of travelling public and workmen to the glass walls, as an interim measure. Further, providing canopy on air-side and SS railing on the city side is being undertaken to prevent any injury to passengers.
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