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Security Sensitive Airports

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a): whether there are 98 operational airports in the country out of which 26 are categorised hyper-sensitive;
- (b) if so, whether a few of the hypersensitive airports are managed by Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), if so, the details thereof;
- (c): whether according to the latest intelligence inputs, international terrorist groups are making plans to target Indian airports;
- (d): if so, whether the CISF has asked for the implementation of the counterterrorism contingency plan at the earliest at sensitive airports across the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (e): whether the Government is considering the proposal of CISF, if so, the time by which a decision in the matter would be taken;
- (f): the details of airports not under CISF protection in the country, State/UT wise and the agencies entrusted with the task of securing such airports not under CISF protection in the country, airportwise; and
- (g): whether a dedicated Aviation Security Force has not been established coupled with the absence of CISF cover, severely undermines the security of airports and if so, the steps taken by the Ministry to solve the issue?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) & (b): At present, 26 airports are categorized as Hyper-sensitive airports, and majority of them are manned by the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF). Due to security reasons, no specific details regarding these airports can be placed in the public domain. ;

(c): Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS), which is the regulatory authority for civil aviation security in India, has not received any such inputs from Central Security Agency.;

(d) & (e): No, Madam. However, BCAS has issued a letter to the CISF in this matter.;

(f): The details of airports, State/UT-wise, that are not manned by CISF along with the name of the security agency manning them, are annexed.;

(g): To address the issue of creation of Aviation Security Force, a study was conducted in 2011, through a Study Team of International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), which inter alia recommended for creation of dedicated Aviation Security Force. Accordingly, a proposal for creation of Aviation Security Force was drafted and inter-ministerial consultations were done.