

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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FAILURE IN OFC LINK AT KOLKATA AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been any recent incident of failure in primary Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) link at Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport in Kolkata;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up a redundancy microwave link to Kolkata airport to ensure uninterrupted feed from various air surveillance apparatus and radars from different locations; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon and the time-frame fixed in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Yes, Madam. There was a failure of Primary Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) Link from 2349 hrs. (IST) on 17.10.2014 till 1005 hrs. (IST) on 18.10.2014 at Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport, Kolkata. The OFC link is installed and maintained by BSNL. However, ATC operations were normal at Kolkata Airport during the above period.
- (c) & (d): Two OFC links (i) Microwave link between ATS Building NSCBI Airport, Kolkata and local Dum Dum Telephone Exchange and (ii) OFC link between ATS building and New Terminal Building at Kolkata Airport have already been established by BSNL and are operational as on date. No expenditure have been incurred by Airports Authority of India in this regard.