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Title: Need to provide aerobridges or passenger boarding bridges at airports to avoid accidents on tarmac.

SHRI B. MAHTAB (CUTTACK): Sir, accidents on the tarmac are on the rise. Recently, the Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar was seriously injured in the Delhi Airport when a van ferrying him from the terminal to the aircraft applied sudden brakes. I understand that the Ministry of Civil Aviation has issued guidelines to make vehicular movement inside Indira Gandhi International Airport. Still, nothing much has improved.

Last August, there was an accident and very mysteriously, Ms. Sanskriti Sinha, a 26 year-old engineer who was working in Deccan Airlines was found dead on the taxiway. Still investigation is going on.

There is a need to ban foot movement. Accidents are still happening regularly. Vehicles are being driven rashly and there are around 800 vehicles which are plying inside the Delhi Airport. Therefore, safety should be provided to the passengers who are being ferried from the lounge to the aircraft. The aerobridge is still pending under the modernization programme of the Airport. I do not understand why it is being delayed. Aerobridge should be provided to at least all domestic passengers in Delhi Airport as it is in Kolkata and Chennai Airports.

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI): Sir, I will bring this matter to the notice of the Minister for Civil Aviation.

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