

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
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NIGHT LANDING FACILITY AT AIRPORT

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether there is no night landing facility in many airports in the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government is considering to upgrade technology to provide night landing to all airports in the country, if so, the time by which it is to be upgraded and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the mechanism employed by AAI to measure visibility in airports without night landing facilities;
- (d) the procedure followed by ground-staff in permitting an aircraft on flight to land at airports without night landing facilities; and
- (e) whether it is a fact that many airports in the country do not have mechanical devices to measure visibility levels and depend on visual capacities of individual ATCs, if so, the steps being taken to address the issues?

ANSWER

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(a): The airports of Airports Authority of India (AAI) which are not equipped with night landing facility are Cudappah in Andhra Pradesh, Pasighat in Arunachal Pradesh, Diu in Daman & Diu, Kandla in Gujarat, Dharamshala, Kullu and Shimla in Himachal Pradesh, Agatti in Lakshadweep, Kolhapur in Maharashtra, Shillong in Meghalaya, Ludhiana in Punjab, Puducherry in Puducherry, Kishangarh in Rajasthan, Pakyong in Sikkim, Salem and Tuticorin in Tamil Nadu and Pantnagar in Uttarakhand.

(b): The provision of night landing facility at an airport depends upon operational requirements, traffic demand, commercial feasibility etc. and vary from airport to airport in the country.

(c): At the airports, which are not equipped with night landing facilities, the qualified Meteorological Personnel of India Meteorological Department (IMD) provide the visibility measures.

(d): No aircraft is permitted to land at night at an airport which does not have night-landing facility and the flight operations are permitted during VFR (Day) conditions only.

(e): The reporting of measured visibility does not depend on visual capacities of individual ATC officers. The visibility is measured and reported to ATC officers by qualified Meteorological Personnel of IMD. However, at present, 20 airports are equipped with the state of the art visibility sensors.