

Piling up of garbage around Shivaji International Airport, Mumbai

457. DR. GOPALRAO VITHALRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that loads of garbage, generated from over 65,000 illegal hutments around the Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport, blocks the emergency gate of main runway; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by the State as well as the Centre to provide safety to Airport and its runways?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) A covered garbage bin near the emergency gate has been provided by Brihan Mumbai Mahanagar Palika. Although the bin does not block the gate, it has been observed that at times garbage has been thrown in the open area outside the covered bin.

(b) steps taken to ensure the area free of garbage are:

- (1) Regular inspections by Airports Authority of India (AAI) officials.
- (2) Issue has been taken up with Mumbai Mahanagar Palika for regular clearance of garbage from the garbage bin and collection of garbage thrown in open area.
- (3) AAI has also taken up the matter with Mumbai Mahanagar Palika to shift this covered garbage bin from its present location to a location where chances of blocking of gate will be considerably reduced.

Establishment of specialised security force for airports

458. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to establish a specialised security force for airports; and

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD