

- (i) increase in Operations
- (ii) increase in Fuel rates
- (iii) Increase in competition especially from low cost carriers
- (iv) High airport user charges
- (v) Adverse impact of Exchange rate variation

(c) The Government had approved a Plan for enhancing the operational efficiency of Air India which includes measures for cost saving, increasing revenue and a comprehensive financial package.

Installation of body scanners at airports

975. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the airports have been directed to install body scanners in place of Door Frame Metal Detectors (DFMDs) and Hand-Held Metal Detectors (HHMDs);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any priority has been fixed for highly sensitive and sensitive airports in the country for the purpose; and
- (d) what special arrangements have been put in place at these airports to scan the passengers pending installation of body scanners till March, 2020?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI): (a) and (b) Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS), the regulatory authority for civil aviation security in the country, has issued an Aviation Security (AVSEC) Circular dated 08.04.2019 according to which, body scanners shall be installed at all airports at Pre-embarkation security check points in a phased manner, replacing all Door Frame Metal Detectors (DFMDs) but not hand held scanners.

(c) and (d) BCAS has fixed timeline effective from 08.04.2019 as one year for implementation of Body Scanner System at hypersensitive and sensitive airports and two years for other airports. The existing methods of passenger screening through DFMD, Hand Held Metal Detector (HHMD) and pat down (localised as well as full body) will continue to be used till the implementation of the Full Body Scanning Systems (FBSS).