

aerial platform in the country, BCAS has prepared an SOP on 'Procedure for stopping of civilian flight on detection of flying objects'.

Measures to prevent coronavirus at airports

1448. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has initiated various precautionary measures to prevent the spread of Novel Coronavirus and other viruses and diseases with the facilitation of thermal screening at the airports in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether airlines are to follow the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) guidelines for managing and notifying anybody reporting illness on flights originating from China and other countries and disembarking in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI): (a) Yes, Sir. Universal screening of all passengers coming in flights from China, Hong Kong, Japan, South Korea, Thailand, Singapore, Nepal, Indonesia, Vietnam, Malaysia, Italy and Iran is being carried out at the airports having international connectivity.

(b) Directorate General of Civil Aviation has already directed all the scheduled airlines operating flights to/from above mentioned affected countries, to make the in-flight announcements and to get the self declaration form filled by the passengers as per the instructions of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, to report illness symptoms.

Policy for operations of drones

1449. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY:

DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about lakhs of civil drones are being operated in the country by private owners of such drones;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry has formulated any policy in this connection;