

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
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SAFETY REGULATION IN AIRPORTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:-

- (a) the details regarding the steps undertaken to upgrade the security systems and equipment across all airports in the country over the last five years and funds allocated and utilized with regards to the same;
- (b) whether Government has considered increasing investments into indigenous technology to be utilized in improving security in airports, if so, details thereof;
- (c) the details regarding the total number of serious security lapses registered over the last five years and actions undertaken to rectify such situations; and
- (d) whether Government has considered developing/utilizing artificial intelligence to improve security in airports, if so, details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) & (b): All the airports in India are provided with security equipment like CCTV, ATRS/X-BIS, DFMDs, HHMDs and ETDs etc. Some of the major airports are equipped with upgraded security systems and equipment over the last 5 years like Dual View XBIS, Biometric Access Control System, Queue Management System, ATRS (Automotive Tray Retrieval System), PIDS (Perimeter Intrusion Detection System), Remote Screening and Digi Yatra- Face recognition based access.

The expenditure on provision for security equipment is responsibility of airport operators and Government of India does not maintain records. Promotion of indigenous products and technologies is an ongoing effort and Government promote Make in India under Atma Nirbhar Bharat agenda.

(c): As per BCAS, the aviation security regulator of India, there is no serious security lapse registered over the last 5 years. However, some cases of trespassing were detected and trespassers were apprehended.

(d): Equipping airports with emerging technologies including AI for airport security is an ongoing process.
