

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 14
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3rd February 2025)

LOSS TO AVIATION SECTOR DUE TO WINTER FOR

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

- (a) the estimated loss to the aviation sector due to winter fog during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the number and names of CAT III compliant airports in the country;
- (c) whether Government maintains a registry of CAT III trained pilots;
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the names of the airlines in which these CAT III trained pilots are employed; and
- (e) whether Government/Airlines provided compensation to the passengers in the case of delays of flights and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (e): The government is proactively engaged through regular meetings for fog preparedness with all the stakeholders to ensure passenger convenience, while also prioritizing safe aircraft operations.

Details of losses incurred by various airlines due to flight disruptions during fog is not maintained by this Ministry.

There are total 6 airports in India where Runway is certified for CAT III operations. The list of 6 airports is as under:

- a) Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi
- b) Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport, Lucknow
- c) Jaipur International Airport
- d) Sri Guru Ram Das Jee International Airport, Amritsar
- e) Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport, Kolkata
- f) Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru

The details of CAT III trained pilots employed by each airline may be seen at

Annexure A.

DGCA has issued CAR, Section -3, Series -M, Part -V, titled "Facilitation in case of flight diversion" in order to ensure hassle free air travel for passengers, who get stranded at aerodrome or inside aircraft due to flight diversion, resulting due to circumstances attributed to force majeure conditions which are beyond control of airlines."

DGCA has issued directions in the form of SOP to all schedule airlines in view of the fog-induced disruptions and adverse weather conditions at various airports including Delhi Airport causing delays, cancellations and inconvenience to passengers.

Annexure A

Sr. No.	Airlines	Number of CAT III trained pilots
1.	Akasa Air	168
2.	InterGlobe Aviation Ltd. (Indigo)	3242
3.	Air India	1587
4.	Spice Jet	120
5.	Bluedart	54
6.	Air India Express	125
	Total	5296
