

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON

SETTING UP OF NATIONAL TRANSPORT SAFETY BOARD .

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SHRI MOINUL HASSAN

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

- (a) whether the proposal for setting up an overarching National Transport Safety Board (NTSB) has been deferred;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether special audits and assessment of critical airports has been carried out in the light of the Mangalore air crash?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) and (b):- A proposal for setting up of National Transport Safety Board (NTSB) was mooted by the Planning Commission, who have now intimated that their proposal for setting up an overarching National Transport Safety Board has been deferred. However, the Ministry is considering setting up a separate independent agency for investigation of accidents.

(c):- Yes, Sir. Inspections of 11 airports viz Leh, Kullu, Simla, Port Blair, Agartala, Lengpui, Calicut, Mangalore, Jammu, Patna and Latur, which were identified as critical airport from flight operations point of view were carried out by team of officials of Directorate General of Civil Aviation.