

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
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(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 28th July 2015)

MAKING DELHI AIRPORT ZERO DIVERSIONARY

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

- (a) the total number of domestic and international flights cancelled due to fog in Delhi during the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) the reasons for failure in use of very high quality low visibility landing equipment during fog conditions;
- (c) the steps taken by Government to make Delhi Airport a 'Zero Diversionary' one at the earliest; and
- (d) the further steps taken by Government to look into the issue pertaining to international operations during foggy seasons?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Dr Mahesh Sharma)

(a) As per the information provided by Delhi International Airports limited (DIAL), the flights cancelled due to low visibility at IGI airport, Delhi for last three years are as follows:

Year	No. of Cancellation
2012	05
2013	39
2014	38

(b) There is no failure reported in the last three years.

(c) to (d) To avoid delays and cancellation during low visibility, following decisions have been taken by DGCA for compliance of airlines:

- (i) All airlines to ensure that aircraft deployed to/from Delhi during low visibility conditions are CAT-III compliant and both the commander and co-pilot are also CAT-III trained.
- (ii) Only CAT-III flight crew to operate the flights to/from Delhi in case weather predictions of CAT-III conditions are made by IMD. Failing to do so, such operations of defaulting airline will be stopped to/from Delhi during low visibility conditions.
- (iii) Airlines must take adequate care of providing basic amenities of water and refreshment to passengers during such conditions, if flights are delayed.
- (iv) All stakeholders should have better communication procedure so that level of interaction with passengers increases during the fog and they are aware of flight delays.
- (v) One representative each from DGCA and IMD will be positioned at Airports Operations Control Centre (AOCC), DIAL who will interact with airlines, AAI and DIAL. DIAL will organise conferences on daily basis wherein fog forecast for the day and next day will be provided by IMD.
