# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 830 (TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 28<sup>th</sup> July 2015)

## REVAMPING OF BUREAU OF CIVIL AVIATION SECURITY

#### 830. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA

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

- (a) whether Government is in the process of revamping the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS), if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the threat perceptions and untoward incidents are increasing world-wide in the aviation sector; and
- (c) if so, to what extent revamping of BCAS will provide fool proof safety for fliers and aircrafts?

## **ANSWER**

### MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Dr Mahesh Sharma)

- (a) Yes, Sir. On the basis of the recommendation of an expert team of International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) engaged by Ministry of Civil Aviation in 2011 for making suggestions for restructuring of Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) and for sufficient operational infrastructure for aviation security, Ministry of Civil Aviation has already worked out the requirement of manpower in BCAS.
- (b) No relevant data are available with Ministry of Civil Aviation. There is however a persistent threat to civil aviation sector worldwide.
- (c) The strengthening of BCAS is expected to ensure presence of the regulatory authority (for civil aviation security in the country) at all airports, which will enable better functioning at field level leading to better security oversight and quality control of civil aviation security in the country.

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