## UPGRADATION OF SECURITY SYSTEM AT AIRPORTS

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

(a) whether Government has any proposal for upgradation of security system at the airports; and
(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

### ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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(a): Sir, the requirement of security is dynamic in nature. The Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS), the regulatory authority for civil aviation security in the country, in consultation with other concerned agencies and stakeholders reviews the security systems at airports from time to time and upgrades the same as per requirement.
(b): The following steps have been taken/initiated for upgradation of security system at the airports:-
(i) Biometric Access Control System: This initiative is launched for issuance of biometric enabled smart card based Airport Entry Permit (AEP) and Radio Frequency Identity (RFID) based automated vehicle access control system, according to the terminal, zone and gate for secured and regulated access of employee/staff and airport vehicle.
(ii) Installation of Body Scanner: BCAS has issued an Aviation Security (AVSEC) Circular dated 08.04.2019 for installing body scanners in a phased manner.
(iii) Digi Yatra: Digi Yatra policy launched by Ministry of Civil Aviation in August, 2018, intends to provide seamless and hassle-free passenger experience at Indian airports, without the need for verification of ticket and ID at multiple touch points. Airports Authority of India has decided to install the Biometric Boarding System (BBS) at 04 airports viz. Kolkata, Pune, Vijayawada and Varanasi, initially.
(iv) Radiological Detection Equipment (RDE): BCAS has issued an AVSEC Circular No. 01/2020 on Standard Operating Procedure for operationalisation of RDE at Indian airports to prevent the radiological emergencies.
(v) Counter Drones/Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) Systems: Recently, circular has been issued by BCAS laying down specifications for detection and neutralisation of UAVs at airports.