

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 1625
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 18th December 2023)**

SECURITY COVERAGE AT AIRPORTS BY CISF

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

- a) Whether Government is aware that out of the 118 operational airports in the country, only 64 are currently provided security coverage by the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) and there are 1166 vacant positions within the CISF;
- b) the measures taken, if any, to extend CISF security cover to all operational airports and make effective use of CISF personnel;
- c) the details of the steps taken to achieve this objective; and;
- d) If not, the reasons for not implementing such measures?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

(a) to (d): At present, there are 149 operational airports (including Heliports and Water Aerodromes) in the country and Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) is deployed at 67 of these airports. The sanctioned and posted CISF manpower gap at these 67 airports having CISF security cover is 3123 as on 01.12.2023. Selection, training and deployment of CISF manpower at airports is a continuous process. Based on threat perception, MHA recommends to bring any airport under CISF security cover.
