#### GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION **RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 3** (TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023)

## **INSTALLATION OF SECURITY SCANNERS AT AIRPORTS**

# 3. SHRI SANJEEV ARORA

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

a) the number of steps Government is taking to install the baggage scanners with latest technology for screening of electronic devices such as laptops, tablets, and digital cameras in their hand luggage while going through security checkpoints so that these things are not required to be taken out during carryon baggage scanning; and

b) whether Government is also planning to install all-body scanners and high-end X-ray machines at airports, if so, details thereof?

## ANSWER

## MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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

(a) Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS), aviation security regulator in the country, has issued AvSec Circular providing minimum specifications for Pre-Embarkation Security Check-point X-ray baggage scanners based on Computed Tomography technology. This would result in faster screening of hand baggage of passengers without removing electronic devices.

(b) Yes, Sir. BCAS has issued directions for installation of Full Body Scanners at all airports in the country in a phased manner with all Hyper-Sensitive and Sensitive airports to be covered on priority basis. BCAS has also issued directions that all existing single view X-Ray machines installed at different screening points at all civil airports in the country are to be replaced with dual view X-Ray machines in a phased manner.

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