GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

Rajya Sabha

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.: 815

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11th December 2023

INCIDENTS OF BIRD-HITS INVOLVING AIRCRAFTS

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

- (a) the number of incidents of bird-hits involving aircrafts that have taken place during the last five years, State-wise, year-wise details thereof;
- (b) name of airports having highest number of bird-hits incidents during last three years; and
- (c) the action taken by Government to reduce the number of such incidents and the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

- (a): Details of bird hits involving aircraft for the last five years statewise, year-wise is attached as Annexure-A.
- (b): The highest number of bird-hits incidents has been recorded at Delhi airport during the last three years.
- (c): Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has issued regulations and guidelines for management of potential wildlife hazard at licensed airports. Rule 91 of The Aircraft Rule 1937 prohibits dumping of garbage and slaughter of animals that may attract wildlife within 10km of Aerodrome Reference Point.

Aerodrome Advisory Circular AD AC 06 of 2017 has been issued to aerodrome operator for implementing an effective wildlife control mechanism for their aerodrome to control wildlife strike. Civil aviation requirement Section 4 Series B Part 1 deals with Aerodrome Design & Operations and requires aerodrome operators to take necessary action to identify, manage and mitigate the risk of aircraft operations posed by wildlife by adopting measures to mitigate the risk of collision between wildlife and aircraft.

Aerodrome Advisory Circular AD AC 01 of 2022 has been issued to identify the gaps and ensure strict implementation of plan for wildlife hazard management on and in the vicinity of aerodrome. This also requires the aerodrome operators to determine high-risk areas and take appropriate action to manage the potential wildlife hazard.

Compliance of the regulation and guidance issued for Wildlife Hazard management is being done through annual Surveillance inspections of the aerodrome

No. of Confirmed bird hits from 1st Jan, 2018 to 31st Oct 2023

Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
State						
Andaman and Nicobar	5	6	0	4	5	4
Andhra Pradesh	24	20	41	36	52	31
Assam	11	7	7	20	28	23
Bihar	21	8	17	25	23	24
Chandigarh	2	3	2	16	14	25
Chhattisgarh	3	5	5	11	15	15
Daman and Diu	0	0	1	1	1	0
Delhi	101	96	62	94	183	169
Goa	19	14	14	24	27	15
Gujarat	80	50	77	69	72	114
Haryana	1	0	0	0	0	0
Himachal Pradesh	5	1	0	3	1	2
Jammu and Kashmir	9	12	5	18	24	14
Jharkhand	10	4	6	8	9	9
Karnataka	56	28	49	43	104	87
Kerala	56	36	44	56	59	92
Ladakh	0	0	0	1	0	0
Lakshadweep	2	0	0	0	1	1
Madhya Pradesh	21	19	7	14	39	48
Maharashtra	81	71	76	88	164	131
Manipur	5	4	10	3	6	3
Mizoram	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meghalaya	0	0	0	3	5	1
Nagaland	0	0	0	0	0	2
Odisha	19	11	10	18	29	39
Pondicherry	0	0	0	0	3	1
Punjab	7	5	13	9	18	22
Rajasthan	21	18	39	34	25	23
Sikkim	0	0	0	1	0	0
Tamil Nadu	58	47	56	60	90	80
Telangana	27	16	34	29	39	38
Tripura	5	5	4	6	9	4
Uttar Pradesh	19	14	35	27	32	40
Uttarakhand	1	5	8	5	14	18
West Bengal	29	23	27	35	34	49
