

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 15
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 22nd July 2024)

POOR CONDITION OF AIRPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

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

- (a) the details and number of incidents that have occurred due to the poor condition of the infrastructure of airports in the country in the last three years;
- (b) the details of the organisations responsible for the maintenance and construction of all airports in the country;
- (c) whether safety audits of completed infrastructure are being conducted by Government;
- (d) whether Government has taken cognizance of the the recent roof collapse at Terminal1 of the IGI Airport; and
- (e) if so, the details of the incident and the steps being taken to address the issue and prevent such occurrences in the future?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

- (a): During heavy rain, forecourt canopy collapsed at Terminal 1D of Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi on 28.06.2024. Also, kerb area Canopy made of tensile fabric, a non-structural element tore at Jabalpur & Rajkot Airports on 27.06.2024 and 29.06.2024, respectively.
- (b): The responsibility for the operation, maintenance, development, construction, and management of the airport rests with the respective Airport Operators.
- (c): Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) conducts inspections of licensed airports for airside infrastructure as per its Annual Surveillance Plan and compliance with standards is verified in accordance with DGCA Civil Aviation Requirements Section 4 Series B Part I and International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) Annex 14 Volume 1.
- (d) & (e): This Ministry has constituted a High Level Expert Committee consisting of Structural Engineers from IIT Delhi to assess the incident at Delhi T1 and submit its report. Further, all the Airport Operators have been directed to carry out a Third Party Audit of structural stability of airport buildings and associated infrastructures through a reputed Government Institution/Body such as IITs, NITs,

CBRI, EIL etc. All the Airport Operators have also been directed to carry out thorough evaluation of all civil, electrical and technical aspects of the building including the design, specifications and workmanship of the roof sheeting structure before the onset of monsoon every year.
