

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 30
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 22nd July 2024)**

SAFETY INSPECTIONS AT DELHI AIRPORT

30. SMT PRIYANKA CHATURVEDI

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

- (a) whether any safety inspections were conducted of the bridge at Delhi Airport prior to the collapse, if so, when was the last inspection done and the findings thereof;
- (b) the agency or authority responsible for the oversight and maintenance of the bridge at Delhi Airport, and actions that are being taken against them; and
- (c) the steps being implemented to prevent such incidents in the future at Delhi Airport and other critical infrastructure points?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a): The Safety & Maintenance Standards are being followed as per the industry practice and relevant safety standards like fire safety. Building safety is also in built during design and construction stage as per National Building Codes. There are routine maintenance checks including proper annual pre-monsoon checks which are adopted.

(b) & (c): Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) is governed by the Operation, Management and Development Agreement (OMDA) signed between Airports Authority of India (AAI) and DIAL, whereby the functioning operations, maintenance, development, design, construction, upgradation, modernisation, finance, management and keeping the airport in good repair and operating condition has been assigned to the Joint Venture Company i.e. DIAL. 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.
