GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

Rajya Sabha

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.: 1460

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 9th December 2024

THREAT MESSAGES AGAINST AIRLINE OPERATORS AND AIRPORTS IN THE COUNTRY

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the airline companies operating in the country are receiving threat messages in the past;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of such threat messages have been received by various airline in the country during the last five years, year-wise, airline-wise details thereof;
- (d) the measures has been taken by Government to ensure the safety and security of airlines and passengers; and
- (e) whether Government has been able to resolve such cases and catch people who are behind such hoax threats?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

- (a) to (c): Bureau of Civil Aviation Security, aviation security regulator in the country, has information of a total of 809 hoax bomb threats received by Airline Operators since 2020. The details of such threat messages received by airlines in the last five years is attached as Appendix A.
- (d) to (e): Bureau of Civil Aviation Security, aviation security regulator in the country, has mandated robust protocols for handling such threats. Bomb Threat Contingency Plan (BTCP), a detailed contingency plan, is in place to handle such threats. As a part of BTCP, every airport has a designated Bomb Threat Assessment Committee (BTAC) which analyses

the threat and act accordingly. In order to deal with hoax bomb threats, BCAS has issued advisories to all the Civil Aviation stakeholders in the country to ensure streamlined security measures and to prevent any unlawful interference with civil aviation. FIRs have been filed in such threats and some arrests have been made.

Annexure

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