

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
Rajya Sabha**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 19

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 25th November 2024

WORRISOME SITUATION BECAUSE OF RUMOURS

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

(a) whether airlines across the country have been receiving daily bomb threats or rumours of bombs being placed in recent days;

(b) the details of the airlines that have received threats of bombs being blown up or placed in places, aircraft-wise alongwith details of inconvenience caused to passengers due to same;

(c) the details of ongoing heavy losses that airlines have incurred due to bomb threats and rumours;

(d) the details of the action taken by Government against those spreading such rumours; and

(e) the details of appropriate measures taken and agencies designated by Government to prevent such incidents in future?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): Several hoax bomb threats have been received in the past months. The details of airlines which have received such threats is at Annexure. Hoax bomb threats result in adversely affecting operations of some of the flights resulting in impact on airlines. 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. The recent threats were hoax and no actual threat was detected at any of the airports/aircraft in India. As per assessment of BTAC, hoax bomb calls result in adversely affecting operations of some of the flights resulting in impact on airlines, airports and other stakeholders. BCAS has issued advisories to all the Civil Aviation Installations in the country to streamline security measures and to prevent any unlawful interference with civil aviation.

Annexure

S. No	Aircraft Operator	Total No. of Bomb threats received in October 2024
1.	Air India	154
2.	Indigo	162
3.	Vistara	150
4.	Alliance Air	24
5.	Akasa Air	67
6.	Spicejet	28
7.	Star Air	14
8.	Air India Express	13
9.	Aeroflot	1
10.	Air Arabia	1
	Total	614