GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

Rajya Sabha

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THREATS TO AIRLINES

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

- a) whether Government has noticed the increasing number of threatening calls made to airlines;
- (b) the number of threatening calls received by airlines since 2020, year-wise and company-wise data; and
- (c) the measures adopted by Government to address the problems faced by passengers due to the disruption of air traffic caused by such threats?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): As per the data received from Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS), a total of 833 hoax bomb threats have been received by Airline Operators since 2020. The details of such threat messages is attached as Annexure-A. BCAS has mandated robust protocols for handling such threats in coordination with Law Enforcement Agencies, Central Security Agencies, CISF and stakeholders, leading to minimal impact on flight operations. 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 takes action. 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.

Annexure-A

Year	Airline	Total	Year	Airline	Total
2020	Air India	1	2024	Indigo	216
	Flydubai	1		Air India	179
	Indigo	1		Vistara	153
	Spicejet	1		Akasa	72
	Total	4		Spicejet	35
2021	Indigo	1		Alliance Air	26
	Spicejet	1		Air India Express	19
	Total	2		Star Air	14
2022	Indigo	5		Emirates	5
	Spicejet	3		air Arabia	(3)
	Aeroflot	1		Aeroflot	1
	Air India	1		Air canada	1
	Go first	1		Cathay pacific	1
	mahaan air	1		Etihad	1
	Malaysia airlines	1		Nok Air	1
	Total	13		Thai Lion Air	1
2023	Indigo	17		Total	728
	Akasa	13	2025	Air India	4
	Spicejet	10		Indigo	7
	Vistara	8		Malindo	1
	Air India	6		American airlines	1
	Aeroflot	3		Lufthansa airlines	2
	air Arabia	2		Total	15
	Azur Air	2		Grand Total	833
	Emirates	2			
	Oman air	2			
	Air India Express	1			
	Alliance Air	1			
	American airlines	1			
	Egypt Airline	1			
	Lufthansa airline	1			
	Swiss air	1			
	Total	71			
