

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
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(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 1st December 2025)

TECHNICAL GLITCH AT DELHI AIRPORT

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

- (a) whether Government has taken note of the technical glitch at Delhi airport on 6th November, 2025, that disrupted air traffic control operations and affected hundreds of flights;
- (b) if so, the details of the review conducted and the upgrades ordered to the messaging system used by ATC;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the measures being taken to prevent similar disruptions and ensure passenger compensation in such cases; and
- (e) the proposed measures to be taken to enhance overall aviation safety protocols?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri MurliDhar Mohol)

(a): High latency in the processing and delivery of Air Traffic Service (ATS) messages to Air Traffic Management Automation System (ATMAS) and other stakeholders, was observed at Delhi International Airport on 06.11.2025 at 11:00 Hrs IST, which led to delay in the delivery of Aeronautical Fixed Telecommunication Network (AFTN) messages including Flight Plan (FPL), issuance of mandatory Flight Information Centre (FIC) number and Air Defence Clearances.

(b) to (e): In response to the technical failure at Delhi Airport on 6-7 November 2025, Airports Authority of India (AAI) has been directed to carry out a comprehensive audit of all Communication, Navigation, and Surveillance (CNS) equipment across the airports to evaluate their condition, operational reliability, and lifecycle management. Further, to avert recurrence of such events, AAI has undertaken the replacement of the existing IP-based Automatic Message Switching System (AMSS) with the new Air Traffic Services Message Handling System (AMHS).
