GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 35
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 1st December 2025)

DISRUPTION OF AIR TRAFFIC OPERATIONS

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

(a) whether it is a fact that on 6th and 7th November, nearly 800 flights across India were disrupted due to a technical failure in the Air Traffic Control (ATC) server system;
(b) whether any preliminary inquiry or cyber forensic assessment has revealed the possibility of the ATC server being spoofed, hacked, or subjected to external interference; and
(c) whether Government proposes to constitute a high-level expert committee to investigate the incident, identify systemic vulnerabilities in ATC infrastructure, and recommend robust cyber and operational safeguards for future prevention?

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): Investigation has been initiated by the central agencies with respect to the reported anomaly in Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) signals at Delhi Airport. 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)

(c): 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.

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