

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10th August 2026
MEASURES TO CURB NARCOTICS SMUGGLING THROUGH
AIRPORTS

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

- (a) whether Government has conducted security audits and vulnerability assessments for narcotics smuggling during the last five years, the airport-wise details;
- (b) the airport-wise details of advanced screening technologies, including baggage scanners, body scanners and AI-based surveillance, deployed to detect narcotics smuggling;
- (c) whether the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) has revised passenger-profiling protocols and Standard Operating Procedures for preventing narcotics smuggling, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the measures taken to strengthen inter-agency coordination among BCAS, airport operators, customs and other agencies and enhance airport security infrastructure and staff training?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) and field formations under the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) maintain constant vigilance against attempts of smuggling. Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS), the national aviation security regulator, conducts security audits and vulnerability assessments relating to aviation security to prevent acts of unlawful interference.

BCAS guidelines provide for screening of passengers and training in Behaviour Detection methods at various checkpoints to prevent acts of unlawful interference against civil aviation. Apart from risk-based targeting and interventions, sniffer dogs and advanced non-intrusive screening systems are deployed at airports to detect cases of smuggling.

BCAS regularly holds meetings with concerned stakeholders to ensure effective coordination among agencies involved in civil aviation security. Field formations are also regularly

sensitised to emerging methods of smuggling to strengthen efforts for preventing narcotics smuggling.
