

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1270
(To be answered on the 9th February 2017)**

STRAY ANIMALS AT AIRPORTS

**1270. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether several airports in the country including Delhi are infested with stray animals like dogs and cats;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether agencies have alerted the Government about terror threat from these stray animals; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?**

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(Shri Jayant Sinha)

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- (a) No, Madam. However, incidents of occasional entry by stray animals have been observed/ reported at some airports.**
 - (b) During the last three years animal strike has been reported at some of the airports namely Calicut, Kolkata, Bhubaneshwar, Trichy, Indore, Coimbatore, Jabalpur, Lucknow, Ahmedabad, Ranchi, Surat & Bagdogra.**
 - (c) Appearance of stray animals in and around the airport is being taken up regularly with Chief Secretary/ District Collector of the States during monthly Airfield Environment Management Committee(AEMC) meeting.**
 - (d) Corrective steps are taken up in coordination with Chief Secretary/ District Collector being Chairman of AEMC as defined in Rule 91 of the Aircraft Rules, 1937. The corrective steps taken to prevent entry of stray animals into the operational areas of aerodromes is enclosed at Annexure I.**

Corrective steps taken to prevent entry of stray animals in and around the Airport.

Inside the Airport:

1. Regular grass cutting and removal of shrubs etc.
2. Grading and leveling of airport land to prevent stagnation of water (filling up of low lying areas).
3. Evolving effective drainage system.
4. Regular de-silting of drains.
5. Pigeon proofing of hangars and airport buildings.
6. Regular insecticide spraying.
7. Provision of covered garbage bins. All wet and dry garbage to be disposed off in polythene bags.
8. Deployment of bird scarers along runways.
9. Deployment of bird scaring devices like Zone Guns, use of special gel on elevated light fittings etc.
10. Surveillance of operational area to identify wildlife activity and alerting ATC to advise Pilots to exercise caution.
11. Regular cleaning and sweeping of operational area.
12. Trees in the operational area and adjacent to the boundary wall are cut/pruned to avoid nesting/roosting by birds.
13. Creating awareness among employees of agencies at Airport about measures to avoid wildlife (Bird/Animal) attractions.
14. Conducting of AEMC meetings regularly at airports.

Outside the Airport:

AAI in coordination with local Municipal bodies takes following action to curtail wildlife activity in the vicinity of Airport.

1. Removal of dairy farms, piggeries and poultry farms within 10 KM area of airport and observance of proper hygienic conservancy.
2. Creation of closed garbage collection bins and its appropriate disposal to garbage dumps.
3. Establishment of modern slaughter houses.
4. Covering of meat, fish and chicken markets and proper disposal of waste emanating from such markets.
5. Covering of open drains and preventing water stagnation in the vicinity of airport.
6. Frequent joint inspection of areas around the Airport (10km radius).
7. Prevent open food outlets in the approach path of Runway.