

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
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(To be answered on the 2nd February 2017)

WILDLIFE HAZARD AT UDAIPUR AIRPORT

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether corrective steps have been taken by the Government to make Udaipur airport safer which has been classified under highly sensitive "Wildlife hazard" zone after its inspection by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) team in 2014;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the measures taken by the Government to prevent straying of animals near airports?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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- (a) to (c) The measures taken to curb wildlife hazard at Udaipur Airport are enclosed at Annexure-I.
- (d) Airfield Environment Management Committee (AEMC) meeting is convened regularly every alternate month under the Chairmanship of District Magistrate & Collector and representatives from Department of Forest, Health, Environment / Pollution Control and Police to ensure removal of all illegal slaughter houses and proper disposal of garbage within 10 km radius of the airport.

Measures taken to curb Wildlife Hazard at Udaipur Airport

1. The operational area of Airport is secured with complete perimeter wall of height 8 ½ feet with 2 feet concertina coil on top of wall.
2. Full length perimeter road along the perimeter wall is provided for enabling the patrolling of entire length of perimeter wall for surveillance.
3. Entire perimeter boundary wall is equipped with perimeter light for illumination during the hours of darkness.
4. Annual manpower contract for wild life management including bird hazard control throughout the operational hours, with deployment of 4 numbers of Bird chasers and one supervisor at all time during the operational hours. Above manpower is also used to chase away the Jackals, whenever they are sighted.
5. Deployment of CISF security personnel, total 4 nos. of security watch towers and 8 nos. of security huts are provided and manned by CISF personnel round the clock to keep vigil on intrusion, including the wild life activities.
6. Removal of all garbage bins present inside the operational area.
7. Placing 3 animal cages in coordination with Forest Department, Udaipur as an attempt to trap the wild animal.
8. Deployment of 4 nos. of acoustic Zone Guns and usage of Fire crackers to disperse/repel the Birds and Wild animals during operational hours.
9. The base of entire Airport perimeter wall has been strengthened and all possible gaps closed with masonry work. All culverts openings have been closed with fencing to prevent the wildlife shelter and hide-outs.
10. Regular convening of Airfield Environment Committee Meeting under the Chairmanship of District Magistrate and Collector to deliberate on planning of suitable strategy for the elimination of wildlife from Airport premise.
11. The operational area is kept clean and all wild grass is regularly trimmed.
12. In last twelve months total 12 nos. of combing exercise were conducted at airport with the help of all available manpower. In one of the exercise even the assistance of Army in the form of large number of Jawan deployment for combing was taken.
13. The assistance of local 'Kalbelia' group of people was sought on 2 of the combing operation with the help of their trained dogs.