

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1508  
(To be answered on the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017)

BIOMETRIC IDENTIFICATION FOR ENTRY INTO AIRPORT TERMINALS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce biometric identification for allowing entry into the terminals for boarding aircraft, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is examining the technical feasibility of asking people to give their Aadhar Card numbers at the time of ticket booking, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the biometric processes can do this job without compromising the security, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Hyderabad airport has done a pilot project under the aegis of the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security, if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government had asked all airport operators such as Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru to study the pilot project introduced at the Hyderabad airport, if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether the Government is yet to receive the final report on the biometric identification introduced at the Hyderabad Airport and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(Shri Jayant Sinha)

- (a): No, Madam. However, Biometric Airport Entry Passes (AEPs) for allowing entry into terminal for employees has been approved.
- (b): No such formal proposal has been framed.
- (c): Adoption of additional biometric features in AEP adds to security.
- (d): Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS), a regulatory authority for civil aviation security in the country has accorded approval for e-boarding on the basis of successful trial run conducted at Hyderabad airport.
- (e): BCAS has issued an advice to Public Private Partnership (PPP) airport operators for e-boarding on the basis of successful trial run conducted at Hyderabad airport.
- (f): Does not arise in view of the reply to part (d) above.

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