

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1511
(To be answered on the 26th July 2018)**

FACILITIES AT CALICUT/KOZHIKODE AIRPORT

**1511. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has made any inspection recently on the existing facilities at Kozhikode airport, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any report has been submitted in this regard, if so, the details thereof and the action taken on the said report;
- (c) whether any International Carrier has requested for services to Calicut International Airport and if so, the details thereof and the action taken for reinstating the services of those airlines that stopped services on the sector as the runway is completely open now;
- (d) the action taken by the Government to commence the service of wide-body aircraft at the Calicut International Airport;
- (e) whether the runway re-carpeting works at Calicut International Airport in Kerala has been completed, if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the Airports Authority of India has approved and directed the DGCA to permit operation of Code E aircraft from Calicut Airport and if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) whether the Government is ready to retain the Haj embarkation point at Nedumbassery International Airport along with Calicut and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) & (b) A surveillance inspection of Calicut airport was carried out in Feb, 2018 as part of the DGCA's annual surveillance program. The surveillance report has been sent to Airports Authority of India (AAI) for taking appropriate action. Out of the total 44 observations reported, 21 observations have been closed by AAI.

(c), (d) & (f) AAI has submitted the compatibility study report and safety assessment report for operations of B777 200ER and A330 300 aircraft of M/s Saudia Airlines to DGCA for appropriate action based on safety standards.

(e) Runway re-carpeting work was completed by AAI on 28.02.2017.

(g) For Haj operations in 2018, on the recommendation of the Haj Committee of India, 20 embarkation points have been retained including Nedumbassery International Airport of Cochin. However, the list of 20 embarkation points does not include Calicut International Airport.

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