

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3603  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2018

**BIRD MENACE**

3603. SHRI P.C. MOHAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether birds are posing a threat to flights including military aircraft and VVIP jets operating from the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) airport due to clogged drain and garbage adjacent to the airport;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Ministry has taken up the matter with the Karnataka Government to lean the area to facilitate safe operation of flights;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether HAL is having any other option or alternate schemes to prevent the bird menace?

**A N S W E R**

MINISTER OF STATE (DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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(डा. सुभाष भामरे)

**(a) & (b):** No, Madam. There is no accumulation of garbage adjacent to airport and clogging in the adjacent storm water drain is periodically cleaned.

**(c) & (d):** HAL has taken up the matter with Civic Authorities i.e., Bruhath Bengaluru Mahanagar Palike (BBMP), Bengaluru Development Authority (BDA) of State Government of Karnataka through Airport Environment Management Committee (AEMC).

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**Regular Joint Inspection including Aerial Survey by the Subcommittee of HAL, BBMP & AEMC is conducted to ensure cleaning of area in and around HAL airport, which has led to reduction in bird activities. Further, BBMP has issued notice to Karnataka Golf Association, which is outside the boundary of HAL on the Western Side to keep the water bodies clean and streamline the functioning of Sewage Treatment Plant inside Golf ground.**

**Several preventive measures including deployment of a Bird Hazard Control Team (BHCT) which also reports exact bird position to Air Traffic Tower Control have also been taken.**

**(e) In order to prevent the Bird menace within airport, HAL has undertaken the following measures:-**

- (i) Periodical Grass cutting, covering of drains inside the airfield with mesh and cleaning of drains to the Airport on need basis.**
- (ii) Deployment of Bird Chasers / Zon Guns / Vehicles with Radio Telephone / Bird Hazard Control Team (BHCT) along the runway.**

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