WILDLIFE STRIKE AT AIRPORT

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
नागर विमानन मंत्री   be pleased to state:-

(a) whether it is a fact that wildlife strikes at airports have risen alarmingly in recent years;
(b) if so, the details thereof during the last five years;
(c) whether the Government has prepared any action plan to tackle the situation at airports; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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(a) & (b) No, Madam. There has been no alarming increase in wildlife strikes at airports. As per data available, the wildlife strike rate has been largely constant. The year-wise wildlife (Bird/ Animal) strike rate per 10000 movement on all Indian Airports is as follows:

Year	Wildlife Strike Rate per 10000 Movement
2013	4.04
2014	4.98
2015	4.86
2016	4.57
2017	4.71

(c) & (d) Yes, Madam. Wildlife strike pose a serious risk to human lives and the aviation industry. Government has accorded highest priority for ensuring safety of aircraft from wildlife strike. Following major steps have been taken by DGCA to ensure safety of aircraft from wildlife:
(i) Wildlife(Bird/ Animal) strike to aircraft has been identified as one of the State Safety Priority.
(ii) Apprised administration of all State Governments, through communication to the Chief Secretaries of the States on the importance of the compliance of Rule 91 of the aircraft Rule 1937.

(iii) DGCA constituted teams to carry out the aerodrome inspection of the critical airports for prevention of wildlife hazard.

(iv) A high power National Bird Control Committee (NBCC) has been set up by the Government of India.

(v) Airfield Environment Management Committee has been constituted at every airport.

(vi) Safety seminars are conducted by DGCA to educate stakeholders on management of wildlife hazards.

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