

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1691
(To be answered on the 20th December 2018)**

SECURITY AND SAFETY OF AIRPORTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has taken any serious note on safety and security of airports from any untoward happenings like fire accidents, terror attacks, etc.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and Government's stand on this;
- (c) whether Government has provided funds for the procurement of fire safety equipments including fire engines and other security and safety programmes to enhance and ensure the safety of airports in Kerala; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated, airport-wise?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) Yes, Madam. There is adequate provision in regulatory mechanism/ licensing of the airport towards safety and security of the airports. The Indian Civil Aviation Security Regulator BCAS/ DGCA mandates various types of SOPs/ contingency plans to deal with emergencies/ untoward incidents, etc. These are well documented as per International ICAO norms.

These contingency plans are tested for their efficacy at regular intervals as stipulated in the mandates where all the stake holders participate in the mock drills.

(b) As part of the licensing of the airports (based on the operational requirement of safety and security equipment), Airport Safety Manuals are approved and monitored by DGCA & BCAS. Further, at AAI managed airports, Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) services as per norms laid down by ICAO/ DGCA, Airport Emergency Plan (AEP) and Airport Disaster Management Plan (ADMP) are available.

(c) Fire and other safety equipment are provided by AAI/ Airport Operators at all operational airports(including in Kerala) as per DGCA regulations.

(d) Airports Authority of India(AAI) has already allocated a CAPEX fund of Rs. 280.00 Crore in RE 2018-19 for all airports.
