

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. : 10
(To be answered on the 2nd February 2023)**

FLIGHT DISRUPTIONS DUE TO FOG

***10. SHRI GOPAL JEE THAKUR**

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the movement of aircraft were widely affected and the passengers had to face a lot of difficulties due to low visibility at Darbhanga airport during winter and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether installation of Clear Air Turbulence (CAT-2 ILS) and Aeronautical Ground Lighting System (AGLS) is underway since 2021 to address the said problem but the said work is not completed till now and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by which the above works are likely to be completed; and
- (d) the details of the action plan of the Government for development of the said airport?

ANSWER

Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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(Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in reply to parts (a) to (d) of the Starred (*) Question No. 10 for answer on 02.02.2023 regarding 'Flight Disruptions due to Fog'.

(a): During the Winter Schedule of 2022-23 (from 01.12.2022 to 29.01.2023), 64 aircraft movements (Arrival & Departure) got cancelled at Darbhanga airport, due to low visibility conditions.

(b) & (c): Darbhanga Airport is owned and operated by Indian Air Force (IAF) and Airports Authority of India (AAI) maintains a Civil Enclave. IAF is responsible for maintenance/ upgradation of airside infrastructure. As informed by IAF, works are in progress for installation of Category II (CAT II) Instrument Landing System (ILS) with Aeronautical Ground Lighting System (AGLS) as part of Modernization of Airfield Project with the probable date of completion as April 2024.

(d): Airports Authority of India (AAI) has taken up strengthening of Runway, taxi track, apron and construction of runway shoulders, Runway End Safety Area (RESA) and Blast Pad at Darbhanga airport.
