

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1190
(To be answered on the 9th February 2023)**

SURVEILLANCE CHECKS AT AIRPORTS

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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 conducted large scale surveillance checks of the airports in the country during the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including major glitches/lapses found at the airports of Uttar Pradesh;
- (c) whether it is true that the flights that land at Chaudhary Charan Singh Airport, Lucknow between 12 AM to 5 PM without the proper functioning of area control surveillance unit;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure proper follow-up of the safety standards across the airports?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(a) and (b) Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) carries out surveillance/audits on regular intervals vide its published Annual Surveillance Plan (ASP) to ensure that continued compliance is maintained by the operators. DGCA conducted 91 planned surveillance inspection of Airports in year 2022 and 07 planned surveillance inspection of Airports till 31st January 2023. The detail of surveillance checks at the airports of Uttar Pradesh is as under:

(i) The inspection of Lucknow Airport was last conducted from 03.08.2022 to 05.08.2022. There were no Level-I (significant) observations. However, Level-II (Non-significant) observations noticed during surveillance checks were forwarded to the Aerodrome operator for compliance. All the main Level-II observations have been closed. For remaining observations, aerodrome operators has provided the Date of Completion and mitigation measures have been taken for the conduct of safe aircraft operations.

(ii) The Inspection of Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport, Varanasi was last conducted from 29.08.2022 to 31.08.2022. There were no Level-I (significant) observations. However, Level-II (Non-significant) observations noticed during surveillance checks were forwarded to the Aerodrome operator for compliance. All the main Level-II observations have been closed. For remaining observations, aerodrome operators has provided the Post Date of Completion and mitigation measures have been taken for the conduct of safe aircraft operations.

(c) and (d) No Sir, tower controllers provide procedural control Service and approach controllers provide surveillance-based control service from 6 am to 10 pm.

As the traffic density reduces to 02 aircraft per hour after 10 pm, approach controllers provide procedural control service after 10 pm upto 6 am (next day) and is duly notified in Aeronautical Information Publication of India.

(e) DGCA conducts surveillance Inspection of Airports and seeks compliance of Civil Aviation Requirements from the Aerodrome operator. The Level-I (significant) and Level-II (non-significant) findings/ observations are communicated to the Aerodrome operator for the corrective action and compliance of the same is ensured by DGCA.
