

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 172
(To be answered on the 20th July 2023)**

SECURITY CHECK DURING AND POST COVID-19

172. SHRI GIRIDHARI YADAV

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether security checking of the passengers was being carried out with scanning machines at all the airports during Covid-19 to avoid touching the body of passengers;**
- (b) if so, the details of the total number of body scanning machines installed at the airports along with their total cost and the number of them operational at present;**
- (c) whether security checking of the passengers is again being carried out manually since 2021 as a result of which the bodies of security personnel and the passengers come in contact with each other which may lead to various kind of infections and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the Government proposes to resort to touch less body security scanning system of the passengers through scanning machines installed at all the airports;**
- (e) if so, the time likely to be done; and**
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

(a) to (f): Yes, Sir. The Pat Down search method was kept in abeyance during Covid-19 to contain the spread by touch/ contact. The security checking/screening of the passengers at airports is carried out with the help of the Door Frame Metal Detector (DFMD), Hand Held Metal Detector (HHMD) and if required, by pat-down search methods. Presently, there is no plan to do away with Pat Down search method.
