## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.: 1091 (To be answered on the 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024)

#### IMPACT OF FOG IN FLIGHT OPERATIONS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has taken note on flight mismanagement in Delhi Airport specifically due to fog and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the impact of fog in flight operations in Delhi Airport during the month of January;
- (c) the details of specific procedures or technologies in place to mitigate the impact of fog on flights in Delhi and other major Airports; and
- (d) whether the Government is aware of the coordination lapse among Airport authorities and Airlines with distressed passengers in Delhi Airport and if so, the details thereof?

### **ANSWER**

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION लागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

- (a) to (b) Flight operations were affected in January, 2024 due to severe fog/cold wave conditions in Delhi leading to delays and cancellation of flights.
- (c) DGCA has issued regulations which mandates the operators to ensure that all flight crew members should be qualified for take-off, instrument approaches and operations to the lowest CAT-I/II/III minima as applicable.

The Low Visibility Procedures (LVP) for the operation of aircraft up to CAT IIIB visibility conditions at IGI Airport Delhi and notified through AIP Supplement and updated from time to time are operational.

There are total six airports in India where Runway is certified for CAT III (Low visibility) operations at Delhi, Lucknow, Jaipur, Amritsar, Bengaluru

# and Kolkata.

(d) DGCA has instructed all the airlines to activate an EMERGENCY CONTROL ROOM (WAR ROOM) at each metro airport manned by top managers who are authorized to take prompt decisions and address any unforeseen developments in the shortest possible time including any passenger complaints, take immediate steps for optimal movement of aircraft and provide adequate amenities to affected passengers in coordination with other stakeholders.

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