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GUIDELINES TO PREVENT DRONE ATTACK

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
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be pleased to state:-

(a) whether the Government has brought out any specific policies or
    guidelines to prevent drone threats to airports and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the Government has mandated a standardized operating protocol
    across airports in India to ensure that drone attacks do not happen; and
(c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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(a) to (c) Civilian flying of drones is regulated through Civil Aviation
    Requirements (CAR) Section 3 - Air Transport Series X Part I issued by the
    Directorate General of Civil Aviation on 27.08.2018. The CAR on civilian
    flying drone became effective on 01.12.2018 and mandates that drones should
    fly in the visual line of sight in day conditions. The CAR, inter-alia, seeks to
    ensure the security of vital installations including airports.

In keeping with the provisions of the CAR, the Bureau of Civil Aviation
Security (BCAS) has prepared a template for Security Programme for
Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) vide AVSEC order 10/2018. Further, the
Ministry of Home Affairs in May 2019 has issued Standard Operating
Procedure (SOP) for handling of threats from sub-conventional aerial
platform like microlites, hang gliders and Remotely Piloted Aircraft System
(RPAS), commonly known as drone, to provide protection to vital installations
in the country. In order to regulate rogue drone activities and strengthen the
existing security mechanism, the National Security Council Secretariat(NSCS)
has issued National Counter Rogue Drone Guidelines on 11.09.2019 which
have been uploaded on the Ministry of Civil Aviation website.