MEASURES TO AVOID DELAY OF FLIGHT

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

(a) whether Indira Gandhi International Airport has installed high tech equipments to avoid delay of flights due to fog in this winter season and if so, the details thereof; and
(b) whether such high tech equipments have been installed at any other airports in the country specially in Patna and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of State (IC) in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri Hardeep Singh Puri)

(a): Yes, Sir. Indira Gandhi International Airport is fully equipped with Instrument Landing Systems Cat-III B systems on three (3) of its Runways which can land aircraft upto 50 metres Runway Visual Range (RVR) during fog, provided the Pilot is rated and machine is certified accordingly.

(b): Airports Authority of India (AAI) has constructed a modern, state-of-the-art Air Traffic Flow Management Central Command Center at Delhi which has become operational from 22.06.2019. The Central Command Center functions as the nodal point for nationwide Air Traffic Flow Management (ATFM) monitoring and managing air traffic demand congestion at major airports and airspace across the country including Patna airport. Besides that, AAI has taken various other initiatives such as implementation of Airport Collaborative Decision Making system, upgradation of Instrument Landing Systems, installation of Advanced Surface Movement and Guidance Control System to improve on time operations by airlines. CAT III-B Instrument Landing System has been installed at Delhi, Jaipur, Lucknow, Amritsar and Kolkata Airport to minimize Flight Disruption during Fog/ Bad Weather/ Poor Visibility conditions.