GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
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NIGHT LANDING FACILITY AT AIRPORTS

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

(a) whether there is no night landing facility at many airports in the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to upgrade technology to provide night landing to Kalaburagi airports in Karnataka State, if so, the time by which it is to be upgraded and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the mechanism employed by AAI to measure visibility in airports without night landing facilities; and

(d) the procedure followed by ground-staff in permitting an aircraft on flight to land at airports without night landing facilities?

ANSWER

Minister of State (IC) in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(a): The airports of Airports Authority of India (AAI) which are not equipped with night landing facility are Cudappah in Andhra Pradesh, Rupsi in Assam, Tezu in Arunachal Pradesh, Diu in Daman & Diu, Kandla in Gujarat, Dharamshala, Kullu and Shimla in Himachal Pradesh, Kalaburagi in Karnataka, Agatti in Lakshadweep, Kolhapur in Maharashtra, Ludhiana in Punjab, Puducherry in Puducherry, Pakyong in Sikkim, Salem and Tuticorin in Tamil Nadu and Pantnagar in Uttarakhand.

(b): The work for providing night landing facility at Karlaburagi airport is in progress and is expected to be completed by December, 2020

(c): At the airports, which are not equipped with night landing facilities, the qualified Meteorological Personnel of India Meteorological Department (IMD) provide the visibility measures.

(d): No aircraft is permitted to land at night at an airport which does not have night-landing facility and the flight operations are permitted during VFR (Day) conditions only.