GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.: 636 (To be answered on the 22nd July 2021)

NIGHT LANDING FACILITY IN AIRPORTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

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

(b) whether the Government is considering to upgrade technology to provide night landing to airports in Karnataka State Tier 2 cities, 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

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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, Juhu and Kolhapur in Maharashtra, Ludhiana in Punjab, Puducherry in Puducherry, Pakyong in Sikkim, Salem in Tamil Nadu, Pantnagar in Uttarakhand, Bilaspur in Chhattisgarh, Kushinagar in Uttar Pradesh and Cooch Behar in West Bengal.

(b): The upgradation of airports, including provision of night landing facility is a continuous process, which depends upon operational requirements, traffic demands commercial feasibility etc. and varies from airport to airport in the country. Karnataka, AAI has planned to install navigational aid to enable night landing facilities at Kalaburagi airport and to install Instrument Landing System (ILS) to upgrade existing night landing facility at Belagavi airport.

(c) and (d): Landing of flights are permitted only during day time where night

landing facilities is not available.