

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2734  
(To be answered on the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022)

**BODY SCANNERS AT AIRPORTS**

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) had directed sensitive and hypersensitive airports to install body scanners by March 2020 to increase security at airports and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether no such scanners have yet been procured and the tender issued in this regard has been cancelled, if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether an AAI spokesperson had claimed that these tenders have been cancelled for administrative reasons and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government is aware that these body scanners provide a more comprehensive security screening and reduces need for pat-down checking; and
- (e) if so, the reasons for the delay in implementation of such crucial security measures?

**ANSWER**

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(a) to (e): Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) had issued an AVSEC Circular No. 05/2019 dated 08.04.2019 for installation of Full Body Scanners at all Hyper-Sensitive and Sensitive airports within one year from the date of issue of the circular. However, in view of Covid pandemic, BCAS issued an Addendum to its AVSEC Circular No. 05/2019 for installation of Full Body Scanners at Sensitive and Hyper-Sensitive airports by March, 2022.

Tenders for 198 Body Scanners for airports of Airports Authority of India (AAI) were invited. The proposal was considered by Public Investment Board

**(PIB) which suggested to deploy 100 body scanners at 16 Hyper-Sensitive airports. Accordingly, Tenders for 198 Body Scanner were cancelled by AAI and a fresh proposal for installation of Body Scanners at 16 Hyper-Sensitive airports is under process in AAI. Similarly, some private airport operators are also in the process of tendering for body scanners.**

**While Body Scanners offer comprehensive security screening, Airport Operators have expressed financial constraints in timely installation of Full Body Scanners due to the Covid pandemic.**

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