

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2097**  
( TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 12th February 2026 )

**MODERNISATION OF AVIATION NAVIGATION**

2097. SHRI TATKARE SUNIL DATTATREY

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether it is a fact that Airports Authority of India (AAI) is considering an investment of over Rs. 15,000 crores to modernize aviation navigation and surveillance technology at various airports across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of the breakdown of the said investment/funds decided in this regard;
- (c) whether AAI is also taking proactive steps to fill vacancies of technical roles across various airports and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether AAI is further considering establishment of a dedicated and skilled cyber-security division and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) & (b): The Airports Authority of India (AAI), being the sole Air Navigation Service Provider (ANSP) in the country, continuously undertakes modernisation of air navigation infrastructure and upgradation of Air Traffic Management (ATM) systems to cater to the growing air traffic demand. In this regard, AAI has earmarked a capital outlay of approximately Rs. 3490 crore during the period 2026–2028 for the modernisation of Communication, Navigation and Surveillance / Air Traffic Management (CNS/ATM) infrastructure at various airports across the country. Out of the said expenditure, around Rs. 1532 Crore pertains to automation of ATM systems across airports, while the remaining funds have been allocated for the upgradation of other CNS/ATM equipment.

(c): The Airports Authority of India (AAI) undertakes recruitment from time to time to ensure availability of adequate technical manpower for maintaining operational safety and continuity of services. During the last three years, recruitment to 2341 posts in technical roles at the executive level has been conducted by AAI.

(d): For the establishment of a dedicated Cyber Security Division for CNS/ATM and IT/OT (Information Technology/ Operational Technology) systems, AAI has issued a Request for Proposal to IIT Madras for engagement as a consultant to support and strengthen the cybersecurity framework of OT/IT systems at AAI airports. The scope of the consultancy includes formulation of cyber security architecture and assessment of manpower requirements for cyber security verticals in AAI.

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