

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2142**  
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**DISRUPTIONS OF FLIGHTS BY FOG**

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has consulted stakeholders to address flight operational challenges posed by fog during the winter season and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the key measures identified during these consultations to mitigate the fog-related disruptions of flights and ensure smooth operations;
- (c) the roles of agencies such as the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS), Airports Authority of India (AAI), India Meteorological Department (IMD) and Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) in enhancing preparedness and collaboration for managing fog-related challenges;
- (d) the steps taken to integrate technological solutions and enhance coordination among stakeholders to minimise delays during fog; and
- (e) the manner in which these initiatives align with the “Ease of Flying” objective and improve the passenger experience during adverse weather conditions?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (e): Ministry held various meetings with all stakeholders including DGCA, Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS), Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), Indian Air Force (IAF), airline operators, Airports Authority of India (AAI) & private aerodrome operators to assess preparedness for low visibility operations.

During these consultations, key measures identified include advance operational planning, deployment of suitably equipped aircraft and trained flight crew, enhanced coordination among stakeholders, timely dissemination of weather information, and adherence to low visibility procedures, with the objective of mitigating fog-related disruptions and ensuring smooth flight operations.

Further, Ministry and DGCA has issued directions in the form of SOP to all scheduled airlines to handle situations arising out of adverse weather conditions. AAI has also issued fog preparedness manual for guidance and implementation at AAI airports.

Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has issued the Operational Circular (OC) 03 of 2025 in regard to a comprehensive framework for preparedness, all-weather operations & passenger facilitation.

Ministry has established a permanent, 24x7 Passenger Assistance Control Room (PACR) to enhance passenger-centric governance. This initiative integrates MoCA, DGCA, AAI, and airlines for real-time monitoring of flight disruptions, baggage issues, and refunds, aiming to accelerate grievance redressal and improve the overall travel experience. Many passengers have expressed satisfaction that their grievances are acknowledged and resolved promptly, and have conveyed their appreciation.

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