

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2267
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 12th February 2026)

BIRD-HIT CASES AT AIRPORTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) the details of the total number of bird-hit cases reported at airports across the country during the last five years, year and airport-wise;
- (b) whether the Government and airport authorities have taken any measures to mitigate bird- hit risks and ensure aviation safety in light of the rising number of incidents;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has conducted any study to assess the causes behind such incidents and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government plans to adopt best practices and models to mitigate this problem and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): Details are attached as Annexure.

(b) to (e): Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has issued regulations and guidelines for management of potential wildlife hazard at licensed airports.

Aerodrome operator of licensed airports have developed Wildlife Hazard Management Plan (WHMP) & established procedures to identify main causes of bird-hit incidents.

As per Wildlife Hazard Management Plan (WHMP), mitigations measures are employed including deployment of bird detection and deterrence technologies etc. to mitigate causes of bird-hit incidents. Further, aerodrome operator carry out the study to assess the potential hazards for taking mitigation actions so as to reduce such incidents.

Further, Airfield Environment Management Committees (AEMC) are constituted at airports to identify sources of wildlife hazards and to take necessary steps to control the same.

Regular meetings are conducted with State Authorities along with aerodrome operators by DGCA for taking necessary action on issues related to wildlife presence in and around airports.

Compliance of the regulation and guidelines by DGCA, is ensured through annual surveillance inspections of the aerodromes.

Annexure

Bird-hit incidents reported at airports during last five years (2021-2025):

Year	Total no. of confirmed bird hit incidents
2021	775
2022	1131
2023	1371
2024	1278
2025	1782