

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3269
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DISRUPTIONS IN FLIGHT OPERATIONS BY LASER BEAMS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

(a) whether the Government is aware of increasing incidents of laser beams being directed at aircraft, including recent reports by pilots of Cathay Pacific during operations at Indira Gandhi International Airport, disrupting flight operations and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the total number of such incidents reported during the last three years at IGI Airport and other major airports, year-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that laser exposure during critical phases such as landing and take-off can cause temporary flash blindness and visual impairment to pilots, thereby posing serious risks to passengers, crew and aircraft and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the measures taken to coordinate with airport operators, ATC authorities and local police for prevention and identification of offenders; and

(e) whether the Government proposes stricter legal provisions, enhanced surveillance and technological solutions to ensure aviation safety and deter such hazardous acts and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): Rule 66 of the Aircraft Rules, 1937 regulates the exhibition of false lights, including laser lights, in the vicinity of aerodromes where such lights may endanger the safety of aircraft or interfere with visual aids for navigation. DGCA has published CAR which prescribes requirements for protecting aircraft operations against the hazardous effects of laser emitters around airports, including the establishment of protected zones to mitigate risks arising from laser emissions.

Further, to control activity of laser emission around airports, Standards Operating Procedures are defined in Aerodrome Manual of concerned aerodrome.

List of Laser incidents reported at Major Airports is attached as Annexure.

ANNEXURE

S. No.	List of Major Airports	Year wise Laser Interference Incidents		
		2023	2024	2025
1	Ahmedabad	0	10	17
2	Bengaluru	0	10	1
3	Chennai	0	67	54
4	Delhi	110	144	147
5	Hyderabad	0	59	38
6	Jaipur	6	40	56
7	Kolkata	0	72	44
8	Lucknow	6	23	26
9	Trivandrum	0	1	0
10	Varanasi	0	9	10
11	Mumbai	0	17	33
12	Bhopal	0	8	16
13	Nagpur	0	1	2
14	Surat	0	6	4
15	Patna	0	9	11
16	Cochin	0	4	11
17	Calicut	0	14	8
18	Madurai	0	6	4
19	Trivandrum	0	14	7
20	Mangalore	0	9	11
21	Tiruchirapalli	0	5	2
	TOTAL	122	528	502