

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1512
(To be answered on the 13th February 2025)**

SECURITY AT AIRPORTS

1512. SHRI TEJASVI SURYA

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) the steps taken by the Government for improving security at airports including the use of technology;**
- (b) whether it is true that there has been an increase in CISF strength for improved security and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to facilitate smooth flow of passengers and reduce the waiting time during security checking at airports along with the impact of such measures; and**
- (d) the number of airports that have adopted the DigiYatra and the estimated number of passengers that have used the DigiYatra entry since its launch?**

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a): Airports in India are provided with security equipment like CCTV, ATRS/X-BIS, DFMDs, HHMDs and ETDs etc. Some of the major airports are equipped with upgraded security systems and equipment like Dual View XBIS, Biometric Access Control System, Queue Management System, ATRS (Automotive Tray Retrieval System), PIDS (Perimeter Intrusion Detection System), Remote Screening and Digi Yatra- Face recognition based access.

(b): Yes, CISF manpower augmentation at airports is done based on survey/resurvey done by a committee led by BCAS. The sanctioned strength of CISF has increased to 45884 from the sanctioned strength of 34587 in 2022.

(c) For smooth passenger flow and to reduce wait times at security checks, following measures have been implemented.

- i) Customer service associates for assisting passengers at security.**
- ii) Increase in security checkpoint lanes, wherever required.**
- iii) Increase in CISF manpower based on augmented security infrastructure.**
- iv) Digi Yatra has been implemented for providing seamless and hassle free experience at airports.**
- vi) Awareness among passengers about security procedures by way of hoarding/signage.**

(d): At present, Digi Yatra is available at 24 airports namely Delhi, Bangalore, Ahmedabad, Cochin, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Kolkata, Lucknow, Mumbai, Pune, Varanasi, Vijayawada, Goa (MOPA), Chennai, Visakhapatnam, Bhubaneswar, Coimbatore, Dabolim, Indore, Bagdogra, Ranchi, Patna and Raipur airport. Since its launch, Digi Yatra has been used more than 4.42 Crore times by passengers to travel through the Digi Yatra enabled airports.
