

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.293

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 9TH JULY, 2014/ASHADHA 18, 1936 (SAKA)

REVISED SOP TO CUT SECURITY CHECKS AND FRISKING TIME

293. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CISF which is engaged in airport security has revised Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to cut security checks and frisking time at the airports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether new profiling mechanism has been initiated by CISF to identify genuine passengers and suspect passengers; and

(d) whether any training has been imparted to the CISF personnel with the new module for implementation at all airports across the country, to avoid long queues of air fliers at the security check counters?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

(a) & (b): Civil Aviation Security, which includes security checks at airports, is the responsibility of the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MCA) and the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS), a body under the Ministry of Civil Aviation, which is the regulatory authority on all matters pertaining to Civil Aviation Security in the country. The operational control of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), in so far as Civil Aviation Security is concerned, is with the Ministry of Civil Aviation /BCAS. CISF follows security procedures mandated by BCAS.

(c) & (d): As per BCAS orders random screening is being carried out at Departure Gates, based on profiling. CISF, on its own, has chalked out a training programme on Behavioural Detection and profiling.

In order to avoid long queues of air fliers at the security check counters, CISF has taken steps on its own initiative, such as effective queue management through even distribution of passengers at all X-Ray Baggage Inspection Systems (XBIS), operationalization of maximum numbers of X-BIS at all times, continuous placing of bags on input roller and removal from output roller of X-BIS so that conveyor belt is not halted, etc. CISF also ensures that screeners are not distracted from pre-embarkation security check duties for any reason.