

Airports allowed to recruit private security guards

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In a significant change in how airport security is managed, the government has allowed airport operators to deploy private security guards at airports.

This is the first time since 2002 private security has been allowed in airports since the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) became responsible for airport security after the Kandahar Hijack incident.

In the coming days, the responsibility of security of airports can be handed over to private security guards.

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This includes private and government airport operators. This is the first time since 2002 that private security guards have been allowed to be deployed in airport security. After the Kandahar plane hijacking, the CISF is handling the security of the airports.

According to an order of the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS), the nodal agency for airport security in the country, airport operators can hire private security guards for the security of airports.

It has been allowed in five non-core or non-strategic areas. These include segregating passengers at the airport gate, queue management in front of the boarding counter, baggage control, security of the cargo area and visitors gallery. The central government is feeling that the airports are constantly getting crowded and the CISF does not have enough force to manage it.

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