

Delhi police to investigate airline bomb scares

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New Delhi: In a major development, Delhi Police has registered six FIRs in connection with bomb threats targeting multiple domestic and international flights over the past two days.

A probe has been launched, with an additional FIR filed at the IGI Airport police station after a series of bomb threats were made via social media.

According to a police official, the threats targeted flights bound for various states and countries.

Among the affected flights was a Bengaluru-bound Akasa Air flight carrying over 180 passengers, which had to return to Delhi following a bomb threat. In total, nearly a dozen Indian flights, including some international routes, were threatened.

However, after thorough inspections, nothing suspicious was found on

any of the planes. The issue of repeated hoax threats came before a parliamentary committee on Wednesday, where the civil aviation secretary informed parliamentarians that investigations are underway to identify the culprits responsible for these fake alerts, and strict action will be taken against them.

Earlier in the day, the Ministry of Home Affairs sought a report from the Ministry of Civil Aviation on a series of bomb threats to various airlines across the country. In the last 48 hours, at least 13 bomb threats have been received by various airlines on domestic and international routes, all found to be hoaxes.

A senior official has confirmed that MHA has instructed the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), Bureau of Civil Aviation, National Investigation Agency (NIA) and Intelligence Bureau (IB) to submit a report on bomb threats that have been received recently.

However, senior officials of MoCA have informed MHA officials regarding the matter and also provided timely updates. The official said that they have also alerted cyber units to be on alert and track the social media accounts posting threats. Most of the accounts that have posted threats were found to be operated from outside the country. They have got these accounts suspended as soon they come to notice.

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