

## STOP THE CIRCUS AT THE AIRPORTS

Want to appeal to the airport authorities that please let us board our flights without any security checks, without frisking (where you touch every body part), pry into our handbags and wallets, rob us of lighters, batteries, power banks; rob a 3-inch scissors for trimming facial hair (you did that to me); ask us take off our belts/shoes and generally make us feel like lowly criminals. We are infinitely grateful that you allow us to board the flight with our clothes on! Thank God for these small mercies. But now the time has come to stop this circus. Because in any case you are going to delay flights for hours just because some prankster has called or sent you a mail or a Whatsapp message that there's a bomb in the plane.

My simple question to you: What's the point of this elaborate routine of security if you are still not sure whether there's a bomb in the baggage? Your system detects and confiscates a 3-inch scissors and it can't detect a bomb? What kind of a joke is this? So my humble suggestion is – let us all go without security checks and save valuable time for both of us. In any case, the kind terrorist is going to call you and warn you about the bomb in the baggage. Then you can start your elaborate security check only for such flights. No point in delaying every flight creating a civil aviation nightmare.

It's obvious that saboteurs are on the loose out to cripple our infrastructure. We are seeing that in the case of Railways too – placing objects on the tracks just to cause an accident for fun. So keeping jokes aside, just go for those hoax callers. Lock them up under non-bailable sections, publish the daily data of how many are enjoying free meals in our jails and the hoax calls would dry up. Have faith in your system. It's good. If my 3-inch scissors cannot go through, neither can a bomb. If required, introduce more efficient scanning

systems. But you can't throw the whole system in a tizzy and run around like headless chickens every time a prankster wants to have fun with you.