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DESPERATE BID TO RECOVER FARE

➤ A woman passenger allegedly entered the airport without paying the fare to minibus driver **Sudhir Shinde**

➤ The bus owner, **Sumit Malsure**, insisted that Shinde should recover the fare from the woman

➤ Malsure sent Shinde a fake plane ticket through WhatsApp

➤ Shinde entered the terminal with it and the CISF personnel intercepted him near one of the departure gates

➤ The Airport police arrested him later

➤ Malsure was also arrested



File photo

ILLEGAL ENTRY BIDS

JAN 22, 2018 | Software engineer Subhadeep Dasgupta (35) was arrested for entering the airport on a forged ticket to bid goodbye to his girlfriend, flying to Kolkata

SEPT 22, 2018 | Venezuela national Miguel Enrique Meneses (42) was arrested for allegedly preparing a fake boarding pass to enter the airport to see off his friend from Uganda

HI-FI GATES

6 upgraded e-gates are expected in the Lohegaon airport besides an e-kiosk



➤ Once a passenger collects the boarding pass from the counter of the airline concerned, he/she can go to the kiosk and get the registration done with the help of identification documents

THE CHARGES

Shinde and Malsure were charged for committing offences punishable under sections 419 (punishment for cheating by personation), 443 (trespassing), 465 (punishment for forgery), 471 (using as genuine a forged document) and 34 (common intention) of the Indian Penal Code and 120 (wilful trespass) of the Maharashtra Police Act

IDENTIFICATION PROCESS

At this moment, passengers will be able to use any identification document. **Aadhaar will not be mandatory**

- As a flyer moves towards the security hold area, cameras will catch him/her
- After the ticket and boarding pass appear on a screen, the flyer can go for the security check

- After the frisking, the cameras will catch the flyer again
- His/her boarding pass will appear on a touch screen with the CISF okaying him/her to move to the waiting area

FINAL CHECK

➤ **The cameras will again scan him/her near the boarding gate and after verification, the gate will open, and the passenger can proceed to his/her aircraft**

➤ **All these e-gates will have cameras and display monitors**

The driver, Sudhir Shinde (40), from Khadakwasala picked up a dispute with a woman over allegedly not paying the fare after the bus owner, Sumit Malsure (28), insisted that he collect the fare from her. He flashed a fake ticket of IndiGo to enter the airport through gate number 2. The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) personnel took him into custody around 4.40pm and found that the ticket was tampered with.

Malsure was also summoned for questioning. He and his employer were handed over to police late in the night. CISF inspector Manoj Rammurthy (43) lodged an FIR of cheating and forgery among other charges of the IPC and Maharashtra Police Act with the Airport police.

Senior inspector Rajendra Patil of Airport police said, “Shinde ferried eight passengers to the airport, but a woman did not pay the fare. He called Malsure and told him that she had entered the airport. Malsure sent a fake ticket to Shinde in the latter’s name through WhatsApp and instructed him to collect the fare from her. Shinde entered the airport showing the fake ticket and started searching for her. He panicked on seeing heavy CISF presence.”

Patil said, “The CISF staffers intercepted Shinde on suspicion when he was rushing out through the departure gate. The ticket he furnished was booked by another passenger. The verification of the PNR by an IndiGo official revealed it. Shinde’s entry inside the airport on a fake ticket is illegal.”

An airport official told TOI, “After the woman entered the terminal, Shinde got a call from Malsure stating that he should take Rs4,000 from her. His employer pressed him to recover the money. Malsure sent him a (fake) ticket of IndiGo bearing his (Shinde’s) name and Bengaluru as the destination.”

The official said the driver was let inside after his ticket was checked. “A CISF jawan near the departure gate smelled a rat as Shinde was not carrying any luggage. The CISF personnel questioned him and an IndiGo representative was called. Then it came to light that the ticket was of a Mumbai passenger, who had to travel to Muscat,” he said.

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