

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5093
ANSWERED ON:27.08.2001
FIRING OF A MISSILE ON AIR INDIA FLIGHT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a missile was fired at the Air India aircraft in somalian airspace while on flight from Nairobi to Mumbai on 23 July, 2001;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the loss suffered as a result thereof;
- (d) whether the matter has been taken up with the Government of Somalia;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the reaction of the Government of Somalia thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

- (a) & (b) The Commander of Air India flight AI-200 of 23.7.2001 had reported that while flying from Nairobi to Mumbai a flare exploding was observed at about 30 miles on the left side of the aircraft track. Kenya Airways flight No-310 on sector Nairobi to Dubai also observed the same and confirmed to the crew of Air India flight.
- (c) No loss was suffered by Air India.
- (d) to (f) DGCA has taken up the matter with the Somalian Civil Aviation Authority, whose response is awaited.