

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of aircraft of Indian Airlines which had a narrow escape after developing technical snags during the last three years and thereafter;
- (b) whether the Indian Airlines flight No. IC-809 had a narrow escape after the aircraft developed technical snags recently;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the action taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) the effective steps being taken by the Government to prevent the recurrence of such incidents?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

- (a): No aircraft of Indian Airlines had narrow escape after developing technical snag during last three years.
- (b), (c) and (d): Indian Airlines flight IC 809 of 12.07.2003 operating with A-320 aircraft VT-EPJ on sector Ranchi-Patna had a bird hit on Nose landing gear while landing at Patna. The aircraft made a safe landing and there was no injury to the passengers or crew on board.
- (e): Steps are taken on continuous basis by DGCA to ensure safe operation of aircraft by operators. The aircraft in the fleet of Indian Airlines are maintained as per the procedure prescribed by the manufacturers and approved by the Director General of Civil Aviation. Only such aircraft as are certified airworthy by the Director General of Civil Aviation are put into operation.