

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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GROUNDING OF SPICE JET JAMMU-DELHI FLIGHT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Spice Jet Jammu - Delhi flight was grounded on the wrong runway at the IGI Airport;
- (b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether such incidents are happening frequently in the country and action had not been taken by the concerned department on earlier incidents;
- (d) if so, the details thereto and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard to avoid recurrence of such incidents?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) and (b): On 12.06.2007 M/s Spice Jet B737-800 aircraft VT-SPH while operating flight SEJ852 (Jammu-Delhi Sector) landed on the wrong runway at IGI Airport. Pilot carried out visual approach and landing clearance to the aircraft was issued after aircraft reported having identified and sighted the runway 10. Since the two runways have same direction of approach, the Pilot made the approach on the runway 09 instead of runway 10 by error of judgement and finally landed on runway 09. At that time there was no aircraft movement on runway 09, and the aircraft landed safely and vacated the runway. There was no damage to the aircraft or injury to any person.

(c): No, Sir. Such incidents are very rare.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): Training and refresher courses for Pilots are being conducted at regular intervals to handle such situations where the two runways have approaches on same direction.

Standard instrument and operating procedure have been laid down separately for both the runways to avoid recurrence of such incidents.

Use of radar (SDD) in control tower, specially at major aerodromes has been made mandatory to monitor movement of the landing aircraft.