

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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INCIDENT OF PILOTS DOZING OFF DURING FLIGHT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been cases of pilots dozing off in the cockpit during Air India flights;
- (b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years;and
- (c) the action taken by the Government against such pilots and the preventive measures taken to avoid such incidents in future?

Answer

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

(a), (b) and (c):- No, Madam. There was no confirmed incident of pilot sleeping/dozing during the flight in the recent past. However, the report that the pilots of Air India's flight IC 612 Jaipur-Mumbai flight on 4/6/2008 had slept during flight was investigated but was inconclusive. Government while recognizing the effect of fatigue on performance has prescribed flight time, flight duty time and rest requirements for the aircraft. Preventive measures were suggested to avoid recurrence of such incidents. Based on those an Air Safety Circular 2 of 2009 has been issued.