

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has increased the frequency of air safety checks in the country in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) whether the cases of safety lapses have been noticed during 2009-10;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, airline-wise;
- (e) the action taken by the DGCA against each of such airlines during the said period for air safety lapses; and
- (f) the mechanism in place with the DGCA to monitor air safety checks undertaken by various airlines in the country?

Answer

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

(a) and (b):- Yes, Madam. Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) makes annual programme for surveillance/safety checks and the same is displayed on the DGCA's website. The deficiencies observed are categorized depending upon the level of severity as Class I and Class II deficiencies. All the findings are discussed for appropriateness of the action taken.

(c) and (d):- During the period from January 2009 to February 2010, 1414 inspections were carried out by DGCA in which 14 observations were classified as Class I deficiencies. Besides the surveillance checks, DGCA also carried out the safety audits during 2009. The number of cases of safety lapses noticed during the period from January to December 2009 airline wise are: NACIL (A) - 101 level II deficiencies, NACIL (I) - 3 level I deficiencies and 445 level II deficiencies, Alliance Air - 35 level II deficiencies, Air India Express - 82 level II deficiencies, Kingfisher Airlines - 190 level II deficiencies, Jet Airways - 225 level II deficiencies, Jet Lite - 58 level II deficiencies, Spice Jet - 62 level II deficiencies, Indigo Airlines - 48 level II deficiencies, Go Airlines - 122 level II deficiencies, Paramount Airways - 4 level I deficiencies and 355 level II deficiencies, MDLR Airlines - 15 level II deficiencies, Blue Dart Aviation Ltd. - 1 level I deficiency and 152 level II deficiencies, Jagson Airlines - 6 level II deficiencies, Deccan Cargo - 11 level II deficiencies.

(e):-The deficiencies observed by DGCA during the audit were forwarded to the concerned organisations for appropriate action.

(f):-All the airlines carry out Internal Safety Audit and monthly surveillance checks. Report of such audit and surveillance checks are submitted to DGCA along with action taken by the organisations. The safety inspections by the operator are also examined during the safety checks by the DGCA officers.