

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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BEFORE TAKEOFF CHECK OF AIRPLANE
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether passenger planes are not thoroughly checked before taking off and pilots are forced to land such aeroplanes after detecting any snag;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken to ensure timely and proper check of the aeroplanes before taking off?

Answer

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

(a):- No, Sir.

(b):- Does not arise.

(c):- Before and after an aircraft operates a flight, it undergoes inspections and, rectifications of defects & repairs, if any. After that, these aeroplanes are maintained and certified by appropriately licensed Aircraft Maintenance Engineers as per approved Maintenance Programme. Similarly, various components, systems and accessories fitted on the aircraft are also required to undergo timely inspections, overhauls, modifications and testing, as required by the manufacturers and approved by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).