

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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AIR INCIDENT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that just after two days of mangalore air crash, another Air India aircraft carrying 112 passengers from Dubai to Pune had suddenly descended about 15000 feet causing anxious moments for all travelling passengers on board;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has initiated any action responsible for this mishap which could have been a major one had there not been timely action by the pilot;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government is seriously thinking about any major steps to go into these frequent events with regard to Air India, which has brought this organization in bad light and people all gradually thinking that it is not safe to travel by Air India; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) and (b):- On 26th May, 2010 Air India Express flight IX - 212 from Dubai to Pune hit an airpocket. The incident has been investigated by Inquiry Officer under Rule 77C of Aircraft Rules, 1937. As per the report, the incident occurred due to inadvertent handling of the control column in fully automated mode by the co - pilot. Subsequent recovery action by the Pilot in Command (PIC) without coordination with co - pilot was the contributory factor.

(c) and (d):- Both the Pilots and Cabin Crew In Charge (CCIC) were debarred from exercising the privilege of their licence.

(e) and (f):- An Air Safety Circular 03 of 2010 has been issued by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on 01.06.2010. All incidents are duly investigated as per laid down procedures. Recommendations emanating from the investigations are followed up for implementation with the concerned agencies for preventing recurrence of such incidents in future. More surveillance was carried out to enhance the Safety of Air India.