

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5659  
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AIR INDIA PLANE CATCHES FIRE  
Wankhede Shri Subhash Bapurao

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is a fact that recently there was a burnout of an engine of Air India B-777 which was winging its way from Delhi to New York;
- (b) if so, the details of the case;
- (c) whether any inquiry has been conducted in the matter;
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof ; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to stop recurrence of such incidents?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS & MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION ( SHRI VAYALAR RAVI )

(a), (b), (c) and (d): No, Madam. However, the Pilot of Air India flight AI-101 got an indication in the cockpit of loss of thrust in the right engine with subsequent indications confirming that the right engine had failed and some sparks and flames were observed from the rear of the right engine. The pilots immediately commenced taking the prescribed action as per the Manufacturer's checklist for such engine failure and ATC was informed. The aircraft had landed back safely on one engine. The sparkes and flames coming from rear of the engine were due to damage to one of the turbine blades.

(e): Apart from the airlines, DGCA also conduct an enquiry in to such incidents and the outcome is shared with the airline for strict compliance.