

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2494
ANSWERED ON:28.03.2012
DISASTEROUS TOUCHDOWN AT TIRUPATI AIRPORT
Rao Shri Nama Nageswara;Reddy Shri Anantha Venkatarami

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the recent incident at Tirupati airport where a flight landed without an ATC officer, thereby risking the lives of travelling passengers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to take stringent action against the guilty persons for dereliction of duties; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a)&(b): Yes, Madam. On 09.01.2012, a fireman was on Radio Telephony (RT) and conveyed instructions to jet Airways flight as per guidance given to him telephonically by DGM (ATC), as the ATC official did not reach Tower on time.

(c)&(d): Yes, Madam. Two Air Traffic Controller (ATC) officials have been suspended and disciplinary proceedings for major penalty have been initiated.