

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:115  
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RATS MENACE IN AIRCRAFT  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the national carrier cancelled a flight from Kozhikode to Riyadh after a rat was spotted in the aircraft;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the preventive measures being taken by the Government to tackle this problem?

**Answer**

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

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): Air India carries out intensive approved fumigation prior to every `Major` grounding of aircraft, whenever a rodent is sighted on Board or on catering trucks in order to avoid rat menace.