

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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INTRODUCTION OF ADDITIONAL CHECKS ON AIRCRAFT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether additional checks have been introduced on aircraft and engines as the aircraft reaches near its date of discard/phase out;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the number of flights of such aircraft are progressively curtailed as a precaution when nearer to phase out date;
- (d) if not, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a) and (b):- Maintenance and inspection checks on aircraft are carried out in accordance with manufacturers maintenance programme, approved by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). This programme takes cognizance of ageing of aircraft also.
- (c):-No flights are curtailed as long as the aircraft is airworthy and maintained as per the manufacturer's maintenance programme
- (d) and (e):- Do not arise.