

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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MEDICAL FACILITIES IN FLIGHTS
Jakhar Shri Badri Ram

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether adequate arrangements have been made to meet the medical emergencies during air travel;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to deploy doctors as crew members in aircraft during air travel;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to meet medical emergencies during air travel?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI K. C. VENUGOPAL)

- (a): Yes, Madam. There are adequate arrangements to meet the medical emergencies during the air travel.
- (b): Under the Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR) Section II Series 'X' Part III promulgated by the DGCA, civil aircraft have been mandated to carry:
 - i. First Aid Kit.
 - ii. Medical Kit where the aircraft is authorized to carry more than 100 passengers on a sector length of more than two hours.
 - iii. Universal Precaution Kit on all aircraft that require a Cabin Crew member.
 - iv. Automated External Defibrillators.
- (c): No, Madam. There is no such proposal at present.
- (d): Does not arise.
- (e): Following steps have been taken to meet the medical emergencies during the air travel:
 - i. The Captain of the aircraft is authorized to divert the aircraft to the closest suitable airfield to handle such medical emergency under Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR), Sec-9, Series E, Part I.
 - ii. The cabin crew are trained as in First Aid as part of their initial and refresher training curricula.
 - iii. Doctors travelling as passengers often help other passengers in emergency/trivial medical need.
 - iv. Airports have functioning medical establishments run by Airports Authority of India/private Airport/Airline to attend to passengers who take ill during flight.