

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2102  
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AIRCRAFT SKID OFF FROM RUNWAY  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether an Air India plane with 140 people on board had recently skidded off the runway shortly after landing at Bagdogra airport;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any investigation into the incident;and
- (d) if so, the findings thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI K. C. VENUGOPAL)

(a) and (b) Air India flight AI-879 operating on Delhi- Bagdogra route on 05.07.2013 was involved in an incident wherein the aircraft skidded off taxi track into unpaved surface while taxiing to Air Force area. There were 118 passengers, two cockpit crew and five cabin crew on board. There was no injury to any person and no major damage to the aircraft.

(c) and (d) The investigation of the incident will be conducted by the Permanent Investigation Board (PIB) of Air India along with Director of Air Safety (Western Region) of DGCA. However, based on preliminary inquiry, the Captain and First Officer of the flight have been put off flying duties pending final investigation.