

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:28
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MISHAP IN AIR INDIA FLIGHT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that around 400 passengers and crew of an Air India flight from Jeddah to Mumbai via Hyderabad had a mid air scare when the plane had to return after take off when cockpit panel showed that one of the doors was not properly locked;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has ordered a probe into this mishap;and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) An indication of 'Open Door' appeared in flight No.AI 964 on 15.11.2013 after departure of aircraft from Jeddah. The aircraft returned back to Jeddah after jettisoning the fuel. On arrival of aircraft at bay, during the visual inspection of the R2 door, a minor gap was noticed on the aft top corner of the door. After necessary checks, the Engineers closed the door and released the aircraft for normal flight. Subsequently, as a precautionary measure the door was replaced at Mumbai.

(c) and (d) The incident is under investigation by Permanent Investigation Board, Flight Safety Department of Air India in co-ordination with Directorate General of Civil Aviation.