

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:313

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ALCO TEST FOR CREW

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of cases reported to the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) where pilots were found alco- positive in the pre-flight medical test during the last one year;
- (b) the number of Air-India flights delayed due to such incidents during the last one year;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to review the punitive provisions in the existing framework in this regard;
- (d) if so, 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) to (e):-A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in the parts (a) to (e) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 313 regarding `Alco Test for Crew`.

(a):- 24 cases have been reported to the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) from 01.01.2009 to 30.11.2009 where pilots were found alco-positive in the pre-flight medical test.

(b):-Air India Express flight IX-684 of 27.02.2009, operating Chennai-Singapore was delayed by 30 minutes as the pilot was found positive on breathalyzer test.

(c), (d) and (e):-No, Madam. Civil Aviation Requirement (CAR), Section 5, Series F, Part 3, Issue I dated 13.11.2009 issued by DGCA stipulates the punishment to be awarded to erring pilots/cabin crew. The punitive provisions contained therein are appropriate.