

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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COMPREHENSIVE CHECK OF AIRBUS A330

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has ordered for a compulsory comprehensive check of all Airbus A330s being used by various Indian carriers on their international routes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether DGCA has received reports from various operators in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken for safety of passengers travelling on long international routes in Indian aircrafts?

Answer

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

(a), (b), (c) and (d) Based on preliminary information available with Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) regarding discrepancy in the speed of Airbus 330 aircraft, DGCA has advised all operators of A330 aircraft in India to equip their aircraft with the modified Pitot (i.e pickup of air-pressure for calculation of speed) and the same has been complied with by all operators. Further all operators have been advised to provide briefing to their crew regarding negotiating the weather,keeping readily available information in cockpit on power versus aircraft attitude (angle with horizontal) and test check the crew in manual flying during simulator trainings.

(e) All flights are conducted as per International Civil Aviation Organisation standard and recommended practices to ensure safety of passengers.