

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1864
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NARROW ESCAPE OF AIR INDIA AIRCRAFT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an Air India aircraft had a narrow escape after suffering a tail strike while landing at Mumbai airport recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has ordered a probe into this incident; and
- (d) if so, the details and the findings thereof?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Dr Mahesh Sharma)

(a) & (b): Yes Madam. A321 Aircraft VT-PPD operating flight AI-680 (Mangalore-Mumbai) of 15.02.2015 was involved in tail strike and hard landing incident at Mumbai. The impact resulted in damage to the Aircraft and injury to the Cabin crew. No passenger was injured in the occurrence. Aircraft has been withdrawn from service and Aircraft on ground (AOG) at Mumbai for further damage assessment.

(c) & (d): The incident has been classified as `Serious Incident` by Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau(AAIB). The inquiry committee has been constituted by the AAIB, Ministry of Civil Aviation and Mr. A.X.Joseph, Dy.Director-Air Safety, DGCA(Hqrs) is designated as Chairman- Committee of Inquiry.