

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5385
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SOLAR POWERED AIRCRAFT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has recently given permission to a solar -powered aircraft to land in India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any flight test/evaluations have been conducted by DGCA/technical team of this aircraft; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) &(b) Yes Madam. Solar-powered aircraft registration HB-SIB certified/registered with Civil Aviation Authority of Switzerland was given permission to land in India on the sector Muscat-Ahmedabad-Varanasi- Yangon during the period from 8th March to 18th March, 2015.

(c)&(d) No Madam. Since permission was sought for flying across Indian Airspace, flight test/evaluation was not required.