

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Fire Incidents in Aviation Sector

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of fire and other deadly incidents in Air India and other airlines reported in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, airline-wise along with reasons therefor;
- (b) the number of passengers/employees killed/injured along with the compensation paid to them by the airlines in such incidents during the said period, airline-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any enquiry or ordered an engineering audit of such airlines during the said period;
- (d) if so, the details and outcome thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to curb such incidents and to ensure adequate safety to the employees/passengers of the airlines in the country?

Answer

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(a) & (b) Details of fire incidents in last three years along with number of passengers/employees killed/injured in each airline are given in appendix-A.

In addition to this, one fatal accident has also occurred to M/s Air India in which Mr Ravi Subramaniam, a technician was sucked into engine #2 of the aircraft while push back operation on 16.12.2015 at Mumbai. A total compensation of Rs. 54,45,722.53 only has been paid to his kins. (c) to (e) Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has carried out special engineering audit of M/s Air India Ltd. and M/s Spicejet Ltd. In addition to this, Regulatory Audits are conducted by DGCA as per

Annual Surveillance programme published on their website (www.dgca.nic.in). The findings recorded in the audit reports and surveillance are reviewed and forwarded to the operators for appropriate action by them. The action taken submitted by the operator on audit observations is reviewed for the appropriate action. In house safety inspections by the operators are also examined during the safety checks by the DGCA officers. All these types of incidents are investigated and findings/ recommendations made in the investigation report are followed up to ensure the safety of operation.