

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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FLIGHT OPERATING PROCEDURES  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Air India has recently changed the flight operating procedures for one of its aircraft;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor ;
- (c) whether the changed procedures/ norms fully comply with all operating standards and do not, in any way, compromise air safety; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the likely benefits of new procedures in Air India?

**Answer**

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri G. M. Siddeshwara)

- (a) and (b): Yes, Madam. M/s. Boeing has issued an advisory to Air India to avoid flying the B787 aircraft near high-level thunderstorms due to an increased risk of icing on the General Electric GENx engines used on the aircraft. The problem was caused by a build up of ice crystals behind the main fan of the engine, causing a brief loss of thrust. In view of the above, Boeing has amended/modified the flight operating procedures for Air India for the B787 aircraft.
- (c): Yes, Madam. The changed procedure/norms as issued by the M/s Boeing fully comply with all the operating standards and do not, in any way, compromise air safety.
- (d): The new procedure shall be of benefit, as it reduces the risk of icing on the engines which will enhance the safety of the flight.