

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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SAFETY AUDIT OF DGCA BY FAA  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Federal Aviation Authority of the United States has conducted safety audit of Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) last year;
- (b) if so, the details and the findings thereof;
- (c) whether DGCA hired a large number of airworthiness officers in connection with this safety audit and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether these hired officers continue to work with DGCA and if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b): Yes Madam, Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) conducted an audit of Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) in September 2013 and further came again in December 2013 to confirm the actions taken by DGCA to address the findings raised by FAA in September 2013.

The FAA September 2013 audit raised 31 findings which related to procedural issues, shortage of manpower in DGCA especially flight operations inspectors and training. Action on 24 findings out of the 31 total findings were completed before the visit of FAA in December 2013. FAA during their December visit, closed these 24 finding with 7 findings remaining open.

Post December 2013 visit, DGCA has completed actions on 6 open findings. To address the remaining open finding, which relates to lack of sufficient number of flight operations inspector (FOI), Government has approved 75 positions of regular FOIs in DGCA. In order to address the finding early, one-time approval from the Government has been obtained to hire Senior FOIs and FOIs on-contract from the market instead of going through the UPSC route. In all 35 regular flight operations inspectors have been appointed, out of which 14 FOIs have joined so far. Additionally, 6 FOIs have been taken on-contract for a period of one year.

(c) to (d): No Madam. DGCA has recruited 130 airworthiness officers against existing vacancies as part of its regular recruitment process.