

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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SURPRISE CHECKS BY DGCA
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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 conducted surprise checks on various private airlines and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any private aircraft has been grounded by DGCA during the last three years and the current year; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a): Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) conducts surprise checks as a part of its oversight activity. Surprise checks include spot-checks and night surveillance checks for various private airlines. A total of 55 surprise checks have been conducted by DGCA from January, 2014 to June 2014 as per Annual surveillance Programme.

In addition, as a special drive, Heightened Surveillance 55 checks which are also surprise checks were carried out by DGCA officers for Airlines, Non Scheduled Operators and Foreign Airlines.

(b) & (c) During the last three year and the current year, 14 aircraft were grounded by DGCA. The aircraft were grounded due to the serious nature of discrepancies and the operator was advised to rectify the findings (made during such checks) before undertaking further flights. Details of the aircraft grounding are at Annexure I.