

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
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BUG INFESTATION IN AIRCRAFT

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Air India has received complaints of bed bug bites in its business class segment;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether it is also true that many seats were infested with bed bugs in that aircraft; and**
- (d) whether the Air India has investigated the matter to ascertain its causes?**

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) and (b): Bed bugs were reported by a passenger on Air India Flight No.144 (Newark- Mumbai) having registration no. VT-ALM on 18th July 2018. On arrival of aircraft at Mumbai, bed bug treatment (intensive spraying of Chlorophosphide, Protex & Ektara) was carried out on the airplane before further flight.

(c): After reporting of bed bugs by the passengers, thorough investigation was carried out and the bed bugs were found on some seats of that aircraft.

(d): Air India carried out extensive fumigation/bed bug treatment exercise on all its aircraft to ensure elimination of bed bugs. No particular source could be established for reporting of bed bugs on Air India aircraft during that period.
