

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 815**  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 28<sup>th</sup> July 2015)

**CLEANLINESS OF AIRCRAFTS IN INDIA**

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:-

- (a) Whether it is a fact that aircrafts in India often remain dirty as cleaners do not have time to clean the planes due to quick turnaround time demanded by them;
- (b) Whether it is also a fact that non-cleaning of aircrafts exposes travelers to high levels of germs and bacteria causing diseases like influenza, E-coli and listeric etc.; and
- (c) If so, what are the guidelines for cleaning aircrafts as per IATA standards and what step Government proposes to take to ensure that all airlines in India are given sufficient time to clean the aircrafts?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Dr Mahesh Sharma)

(a) to (c) Turnaround time of an aircraft depends upon the size of the aircraft and passenger carrying capacity to ensure proper cleaning, maintenance and servicing.

The aircraft cleaning is done at par with established norms as applicable all over the world. The procedure followed by various airlines to ensure cleanliness in aircrafts is as follows:

- (i) Air India-Transit cleaning is carried out by Customer Service Department (Catering)
- (ii) Go Air- In addition to transit cleaning, deep cleaning is carried out at night halt stations, sufficient time is given for proper cleaning of aircraft using recommended cleaning agents by the manufacturer.

- (iii) Air Pegasus-25 minutes turn around time for ATR to ensure proper cleaning of the cabin. In addition to transit cleaning, aircraft is subjected to deep cleaning at every night halt and routine disinfection programme.
- (iv) Jet Airways-Aircraft interior is cleaned properly by the cleaners with adequate turnaround time.
- (v) Alliance Air- Cleaning of Aircraft is carried out during transit checks as well as during night halt inspections , adequate time is provided for cleaning of aircraft.
- (vi)Vistara- A team of 8 to 10 cleaners , ensure that the cabin and toilets are cleaned at every transit station and night halt with vaccum cleaners and adequate cleaning agents and chemicals to ensure cabin hygiene . Every 10 days there is a deep cleaning activity carried out on each aircraft . The aircraft is also fumigated every month.
- (vii) SpiceJet - The turnaround time of an aircraft is calculated keeping in mind the aircraft cleaning and aircrafts are put through extended cleaning process every night halt, also aircrafts are fumigated every fortnight by Government Approved Authority namely M/S CWC.
- (viii)Indigo- Internal cleaning is done during every transit flight. Deep internal cleaning and accessible external portions are being cleaned during night halt of every aircraft. Through External cleaning is being carried out on every aircraft once in a week.

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