GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO: 131 (TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 14th March 2017)

EMERGENCY LANDING OF AIR INDIA FLIGHTS

*131. SHRI PRABHAT JHA

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the incidents of emergency landing for Air India flights have increased recently, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether the recent incidents of emergency landing of flights of Air India are being probed and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Ashok Gajapathi Raju Pusapati)

(a) & (b): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.131 TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.03.2017 REGARDING EMERGENCY LANDING OF AIR INDIA FLIGHTS TABLED BY SHRI PRABHAT JHA, MP.

(a): No, Sir.

- (b): Yes, Sir. The details of Emergency Landing as carried out by Air India aircraft in the recent past are as follows:
- 1. A321 aircraft VT-PPT operating flight AI-541 (Hyderabad- Delhi) of 28.03.2015 made an Emergency Landing at Delhi due to landing gear Electronic Centralised Aircraft Monitor (ECAM) system warning. Incident has been investigated by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). In the investigation it was concluded that the incident was caused due to failure of Landing Gear Control and Interface Unit-1(LGCIU-1) Unit. The same was confirmed during Bench check of the component. There were no safety related recommendations as it was a one-off case.
- 2. On 01-10-2015, A320 aircraft VT-EPJ operating flight AI-433 (Varanasi-Delhi) was involved in an incident of Engine No.1 Compressor Vane Fault leading to Engine Stall. Emergency declared to ATC (Air Traffic Controller) and aircraft landed safely at Delhi. The Incident was investigated by the DGCA. Transient malfunction of the Engine EEC (Engine Electronic Control) was the likely cause of the Engine Compressor vane fault which led to the incident.
- 3. The recent incident on 27-02-2017, A320 aircraft VT-ESE operating flight AI-681 (Mumbai--Kochi), wherein Emergency was declared and flight diverted to Mangalore due pressurization loss in cruise, is being probed by the DGCA.