

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
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(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20th March 2018)

INCIDENTS OF WINDSHIELD CRACKS ON AI DREAMLINERS

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that windshield cracks are yet again haunting Air India's Dreamliners;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that in the most recent instance, Air India's Delhi-Dubai flight had to return to the capital within an hour of takeoff due to windshield cracks;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that this is at least the second case of Boeing 787 windshield cracking in the last five months; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) to (d): Three (03) cases of windshield failure have happened in the last five months. The failure of the windshields on Boeing 787 (Dreamliner) fleet of aircraft is an industrial issue. During shop inspection, a particular seal was found eroded allowing de-lamination and moisture ingress. In view of the failures of the Windshields within a short period, the Flight Safety Department constituted a Committee which recommended the following:

- i) Inspection of Windshields at improved frequency i.e 2,000 Flight Hrs.
- ii) Engineering Department has decided for installation of windshield (P/N : 190800-15/-16) on Air India fleet of B787 aircraft at the earliest.

Besides, one time inspection of all windshield in the fleet has also been taken up.
