

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
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CANCELLATION OF FLIGHTS FOR TECHNICAL SNAGS

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

- (a) whether the Ministry is collecting data on the number of technical issues that cause flights to be cancelled and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of emergency landings commercial passenger aircrafts have made since 2017 and the aircraft make and model of the same; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Ministry to ensure recurring aircraft technical issues are solved before the aircraft is allowed to fly with commercial passengers?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Hardeep Singh Puri)

- (a) The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) receives flights cancellation data due to technical reasons as a part of monthly submission of traffic data by the scheduled airlines. The details of flights cancelled due to technical reasons for the year 2019-2020 are as below:

Month	Flights cancelled
Jan 2019	134
Feb 2019	171
Mar 2019	208
Apr 2019	189
May 2019	122
Jun 2019	198
Jul 2019	324
Aug 2019	560
Sep 2019	703
Oct 2019	683
Nov 2019	562
Dec 2019	335

(b) A total of 47 incidents of emergency landings due to technical reasons have been reported to DGCA since 2017. The details of make and model of aircraft involved in such incidents are given below:

Make & Model	Total number of emergency landings
Airbus A319	3
Airbus A320	31
Airbus A321	1
Boeing 737	5
Boeing 757	1
Boeing 787	1
ATR 42	1
ATR 72	4
Total	47

(c) An aircraft is maintained as per the detailed procedures/ guidelines and timelines provided by the manufacturer of the aircraft which forms part of the approved maintenance programme of the operator. The aircraft is thus maintained continuously following the approved maintenance programme. During the course of operations, whenever the aircraft experiences technical snag, these are corrected based on manufacturer's guidelines before the aircraft is permitted to be released for operations.
