

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 500
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 12th December 2022)

MEASURES TO PREVENT MID-AIR BIRD HITS

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

- (a) the number of air safety issues which have occurred due to bird hits in the past five years, airline wise;
- (b) the details of safety measures identified and circulated for implementation by the DGCA regarding mid-air bird hits during the last five years; and
- (c) the details of the measure Government is taking to ensure safety of air traveller?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

- (a) The airline wise safety issues due to bird hits for five years is attached at Annexure.
- (b) & (c) DGCA has issued following regulations and guidelines for management of potential wildlife hazard at licensed airports to ensure safety of air operations:
 - (i) Rule 91 of The Aircraft Rule 1937 prohibits dumping of garbage and slaughter of animals that may attract wildlife within 10km of Aerodrome Reference Point.
 - (ii) Aerodrome Advisory Circular AD AC 06 of 2017 issued to aerodrome operator for implementing an effective wildlife control mechanism for respective aerodrome to control wildlife strike.
 - (iii) Civil aviation requirement Section 4 Series B Part 1 requires aerodrome operators to take necessary action to identify, manage and mitigate the risk of aircraft operations posed by wildlife by adopting measures likely to minimise the risk of collision between wildlife and aircraft.
 - (iv) Aerodrome Advisory Circular AD AC 01 of 2022 issued to identify the gaps and ensure strict implementation of plan for wildlife hazard management on and in the vicinity of aerodrome,

Further, compliance of the regulation and guidance is being ensured through annual surveillance inspections of the aerodrome.

**Number of Safety issues due to bird hits
2018- 2022 (till October) – Airline wise**

Airline	Number of Safety Issues due to bird hits 2018 to 2022 (Oct)
Air Asia	51
Air India	49
AIXL	12
Akasa	2
Alliance Air	7
Blue dart	6
Go Air	60
Indigo	196
Jet Airways	22
Jetlite	3
Spicejet	64
Star Air	2
Trujet	2
Vistara	50