

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
Rajya Sabha
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 20
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21st July 2025

SAFETY AND AIRCRAFT AUDIT FOLLOWING THE CRASH

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

(a) whether Government has completed a detailed investigation into the Air India Flight AI-171 crash on June 12, 2025 in Ahmedabad;

(b) the preliminary findings that have emerged from the DGCA safety audit of Air India's Boeing 787 fleet conducted in June, 2025; and

(c) the measures that have been taken to address technical, crew, and maintenance gaps that led to the grounding of over 80 aircraft?

ANSWER

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION
(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)**

(a): An Investigation has been ordered by Director General, Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) under Rule 11 of the Aircraft (Investigation of Accidents & Incidents) Rules, 2017 to determine the probable cause(s)/contributory factor(s) leading to the accident of Air India flight AI-171 at Ahmedabad on 12.06.2025.

A preliminary report on the accident has been published by AAIB on 12.07. 2025 and is available on their website www.aaib.gov.in. The investigation is in progress to determine the probable cause(s)/contributory factor(s) leading to the accident.

(b) & (c): DGCA has a structured surveillance and audit framework in place i.e. planned and unplanned surveillance of organization /aircraft, which includes regular and periodic audits, spot checks, night surveillance and ramp inspections across all operators, including continuous oversight of maintenance practices.

Post-accident of Air India flight AI-171 Boeing 787 aircraft, DGCA, on 13.06.2025, has ordered to conduct the checks/inspections of all 33 787-Dreamliner aircraft of Air India.

Out of total 33 aircraft, 31 operational aircraft have been inspected wherein minor findings were observed in 8 aircraft. These aircraft have been released for operation post rectification. The remaining 2 aircraft are under scheduled maintenance.

There are total 190 aircraft (Boeing B787-8/9/, B777-200/300, Airbus -350, Airbus 320 and Airbus 321). Out of which, 31 aircraft are on ground for scheduled maintenance. No significant technical, crew and maintenance gaps found for grounding of these 31 aircraft.
