

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 992
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 9th February 2026
**SAFETY OVERSIGHT AND AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE
STANDARDS**

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

- (a) the number of safety audits conducted on domestic airlines during the last two years;
- (b) deficiencies observed in aircraft maintenance and compliance with DGCA norms;
- (c) action taken against airlines for repeated safety violations; and
- (d) reasons for continuing incidents despite claims of strengthened oversight and whether independent safety audits will be institutionalised?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): A total of 14 regulatory audits have been carried out by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on domestic airlines during last two years. All observed deficiencies have been addressed and necessary corrective actions have been taken in accordance with DGCA CAR and applicable norms.

(c): DGCA undertakes enforcement actions against airlines like issuance of warnings, imposition of penalties, oral counselling, withdrawal/suspension/removal of the post holders according to level of violation as per the enforcement manual.

(d): DGCA through systems of oversight such as night surveillance, audits and spot checks ensures that airlines/ operators continue to remain in compliance with laid down Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR). Technical snags in an aircraft may also occur due to malfunctioning of components/ equipment fitted on the aircraft and require rectification action by the airline before the aircraft is released for operation. Further, regulations require the operator to report all occurrences to DGCA. These occurrences may be a result of equipment malfunction, weather conditions etc. Some occurrences such as air turn-back, aborted take-off or a go-around are actions taken by the pilot keeping safety of operations in view and are usually undertaken to avert a serious incident or accident.
