

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3733  
(To be answered on the 9<sup>th</sup> August 2018)**

**MID AIR AIRCRAFT INCIDENT**

**3733. SHRI A. ARUNMOZHITHEVAN**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**  
नागर विमानन मंत्री

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) whether an Air India Airbus A 319 aircraft cruising from Rajkot to Delhi with over 100 people on board recently got a depressurization warning mid air when it was at an altitude of about 10 km. or 33,000 feet, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the flight had to brought down to a lower altitude of about 10,000 feet to enable all on board to breathe without supplementary oxygen, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the problem happened after the rubber seal of the cargo compartment broke mid air, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether oxygen masks were not deployed in the cabin, if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has ordered any inquiry into this incident ; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION**  
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**(Shri Jayant Sinha)**

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- (a) Air India Airbus A319 aircraft VT-SCJ operating flight AI-498 (Rajkot-Delhi) of 16.06.2018, was involved in an incident of Cabin Depressurization while cruising at FL330. The flight crew declared pressurization failure and in communication with Ahmedabad ATC descended to FL100. Crew diverted to Udaipur which was the closest airfield and landed safely. After rectification at Udaipur, the flight operated from Udaipur to Delhi on 16.06.2018
- (b) The Crew on receiving the Cabin Pressurization Warning descended to FL100 as per the standard operating procedure (SOP). The passengers were also informed about the emergency descent.
- (c) On arrival at Udaipur, upon inspection by AME, the Door Seal of the Forward Cargo Door was found damaged. The same was replaced.
- (d) Oxygen masks were not deployed in the Cabin
- (e) & (f) The incident is being investigated by the Permanent Investigation Board (PIB) of the airline in association with DGCA.

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