

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2966
(To be answered on the 11th July 2019)

MISBEHAVIOUR OF PILOT OF AIR INDIA

2966. SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that recently an Air India pilot allegedly asked a crew member to clean his tiffin box after finishing his meal before taking off from Bangalore airport and provoked an argument between the crew member and the pilot and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has received any complaints from certain crew members on this incident and also on misbehaviour of the pilot with the crew member and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether any action is being taken by the Government in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of State (IC) in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(Shri Hardeep Singh Puri)

(a): Such an incident was reported in the Media. Air India (AI) and Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) have, however, stated that the argument between the crew members was not related to an Air India pilot allegedly asking a crew member to clean his tiffin box after finishing his meal before taking off from Bangalore airport.

On 17.06.2019 when Air India aircraft was scheduled to operate flight AI-772(Bengaluru-Kolkata), the Pilot in Command and one of the cabin crew were involved in heated argument and thereafter undesirable physical contact.

(b) Yes, Sir. The same cabin crew in a recent complaint made to AI had reported misbehaviour by the same pilot on a past occasion.

(c) Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) investigated the matter and issued show cause notice to pilot in Command and concerned cabin crew also. AI has kept the Pilot off flying for one month till 19.07.2019.
