

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3058
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 18th December 2025)
TECHNICAL MALFUNCTIONS IN AIRCRAFTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government conducts regular audits of all mid-air technical malfunctions that have increased flight accidents and emergency landings lately and if so, the details and outcomes thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has updated the air safety norms applicable to domestic and international flights and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has implemented measures to increase the number of air traffic controllers and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government has constituted a permanent committee to examine the grave incidents of compromise on passenger safety by airplane operators and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has established comprehensive Civil Aviation Regulations to ensure the safe operation and maintenance of aircraft. These regulations are continuously updated and aligned with international standards, including those of International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).;

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Further, 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. In case there is a violation, DGCA takes enforcement action as per its Enforcement Policy and Procedure Manual.;

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(c): In order to increase the number of Air Traffic Controllers (ATCO), the following measures have been taken.;

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(i) a total of 1636 posts of ATCOs have been created in the last 3 years.;

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(ii) In 2022 & 2023, 1252 posts have been advertised and 1110 have joined as Junior Executive (ATC).;

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(iii) Further, 309 posts of JE (ATC) have been advertised in 2025 for recruitment.

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(d): In case there is an increase in occurrences, DGCA initiates special audit drive including checks through spot and night surveillance.
