

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3021
(To be answered on the 4th August 2016)**

AIR INDIA FLIGHT INCIDENT

3021. ADV. M. UDHAYAKUMAR

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

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether an Air India's Melbourne-Delhi flight was forced to divert to Singapore recently due to a rat, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the pest controllers were unable to trap the rat for four days;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;**
- (d) the details of such incidents happened during the last one year; and**
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to prevent the occurrence of such incidents in order to avoid inconvenience caused to the air passengers?**

ANSWER

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION
नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री**

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a): Yes, Madam. B787-8 aircraft VT-ANV operating flight AI-309 of 15th April 2016 on sector Melbourne-Delhi was diverted to Singapore due to sighting of rat. After carrying out fumigation at Singapore, the aircraft departed for Delhi on 17 th April 2016. Fumigation is a method of pest control that completely fills an area with gaseous pesticides or fumigants, to suffocate or poison the pests within.

(b)&(c): Does not arise.

(d): The details of such incidents happened during the last one year are attached at Annexure-1

(e): Rat menaces are tackled by individual airlines by using:

1) Periodic fumigation for pest/rodent control etc.

2) By conducting Spot-Checks in catering bonded stores.

In addition, the aerodrome operator/owner take actions to eliminate or to prevent the establishment of garbage disposal dumps or any other source which may attract wildlife/rodent to the aerodrome.

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ANNEXURE – 1 to LSUQ 3021

Model	Date and Flt No.	Sector	Delay details
B787	15-Apr-16 AI-309	MELBOURNE-DELHI	MELBOURNE-DELHI SECTOR DIVERTED TO SINGAPORE DUE RAT SIGHTED ON BOARD.
B787	30-Dec-15 AI-131	MUMBAI-LONDON	CREW SIGHTED RAT. INITIATED AIR TURN BACK TO MUMBAI.
B787	30-Jul-15 AI-123	DELHI-MILAN	RAT REPORTED ON BOARD. INITIATED AIR TURN BACK TO DELHI.