

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
Rajya Sabha**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21st July 2025

EXTENDED SURVEILLANCE OF BOEING 787 PLANES

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

(a) whether Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has given an order for extended surveillance of the Boeing 787 planes currently present in the Indian aircraft fleet;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether technical issues like engine shutdowns, flight control failures, smoke in cabins, hydraulic leaks etc., have been flagged repeatedly with respect to Boeing planes over the last five years;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken thereon; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to tide over structural problems and growing shortage of pilots afflicting country's aviation sector?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): 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.

Post-accident of M/s Air India flight AI-171 Boeing 787 aircraft on 12.06.2025 at Ahmedabad, DGCA on 13.06.2025 as preventive

measure directed M/s Air India to carry out additional checks on Boeing 787-8/9 in coordination with concerned regional office of DGCA. Currently only Air India is operating Boeing 787-8/9 aircraft in the country.

(c) & (d) Technical snags/malfunction are general phenomena happening during operation of aircraft. Technical issues such as engine shutdowns, flight control anomalies, smoke in the cabin, hydraulic leaks, etc. may arise during operation of all types of aircraft.

Whenever such technical issues are encountered during flight, standard operating procedures mandate precautionary measures, including emergency or precautionary landings, to ensure the safety of passengers and crew. All reported technical issues are thoroughly investigated and rectified by certified maintenance personnel before the aircraft is released for the next flight. No aircraft is permitted to operate unless it is declared airworthy after appropriate corrective actions in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines and applicable regulatory requirements.

(e) There is no shortage of commercial licensed pilots in India affecting airlines. In case of shortage of commanders on certain types of aircraft, airlines manage by utilizing foreign pilots through Foreign Aircrew Temporary Authorization (FATA).
