GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

Rajya Sabha

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.: 10 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21st July 2025

SAFETY AUDITS IN AIR INDIA

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

- (a) the number of safety audits conducted in Air India since 2020 (year-wise) and the details thereof;
- (b) the major lapses identified in these audits and the action taken to rectify them in each case, case-wise details;
- (c) whether any penalties have been imposed for non-compliance after safety audits and the details thereof;
- (d) whether Air India was fully compliant with all safety regulations at the time of disinvestment, if not, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether any safety concerns in Air India were raised by whistleblowers since 2020, the action taken on the issues raised and the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): During the last 05 years, a total of 03 safety audits of M/s Air India have been carried out by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). These audit were conducted in September 2020, March 2023 and March 2025.

During these 03 safety audits, no major lapses were identified. However, findings observed during these audits were followed up with M/s Air India for effective corrective actions.

No enforcement action was taken on M/s Air India, based on the findings observed during these audits.

(d): DGCA has laid down the Civil Aviation requirements (CAR) for certification/ approval to airlines/ operators from time to time in consultation with stakeholders. At the time of disinvestment, M/s Air India was fully compliant with existing DGCA regulations.

(e): During the period 2020-2025, a total of 03 complaints have been received against M/s Air India wherein DGCA took enforcement action including financial penalty. The details are as under:

Financial Penalty	30 Lakhs
suspension of License	03
Suspension of Post Holder Approval	01
Warning	05
