

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 804
(To be answered on the 24th July 2025)**

MASS SICK REPORTING BY FLIGHT CREW

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether it is a fact that in the aftermath of the Air India-171 crash on 12th June, 2025, Air India has been experiencing mass sick reporting by its flight crew members and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government has taken remedial measures such as holding post-trauma mental health workshops to mitigate their stress; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) : M/s Air India reported a minor increase in sick leaves reported by pilots across all fleets in the aftermath of the AI-171 accident. On 16.06.2025, a total of 112 pilots reported sick, comprising of 51 Commanders (P1) and 61 First Officers (P2).

(b) to (c) : DGCA has already issued Medical Circular regarding Mental Health of flight crews and ATCOs vide DGCA file No. AV/22025/25A/DMS/Med dated 22 Feb 2023 (Medical Circular 01 of 2023), which lays down guidelines for operators (scheduled and non-scheduled) and DGCA Empanelled Medical Examiners. The details are as under :-

(i) Quick and effective methods to assess mental health that can easily be performed by the DGCA empanelled medical examiners during the Class 1/2/3 medical examination are recommended.

(ii) Introduction of a separate, standalone and customised training capsule for the flight crew/ATCOs to recognise and manage the adverse effects of mental health conditions is also advised to all the airlines operators.

(iii) Additionally, on mental health monitoring, the organizations (scheduled and non-scheduled operators, FTOs and AAI) were also advised to have a Peer Support Programme (PSP) in place for its employees. The organizations are required to enable, facilitate and ensure access to this proactive and non-punitive programme that will assist and support flight crew/ATCOs in recognizing, coping with and overcoming any problem.
