

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

**MASS SICK REPORTING BY FLIGHT CREW**

**804. SHRI JAI PRAKASH**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**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**

**नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री**

**(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)**

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(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.**

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