

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION**

Lok Sabha

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 4478

(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 27th March 2025)

**INCIDENTS OF TAIL SECTION OF AIRCRAFT SCRAPPING
THE RUNWAY**

4478. SHRI SELVAGANAPATHI T.M.

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

(a) whether it is a fact that there were many incidents of the tail section of aircraft scrapping the runway during the last two years including the incident that happened at Chennai airport recently and if so, the details thereof

(b) whether the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has ordered any probe into these incidents and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that A321 aircraft are more prone to tail strikes due to their extended length as compared with other Airbus aircraft and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the DGCA has sought any explanation from Airbus and if so, the details thereof along with the remedial output thereon?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Since 2023 to 2025 (till date), there have been 07 incidents of tail strike/scrap of significant safety concerns wherein Directorate General of Civil Aviation/ Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (DGCA/AAIB) has instituted the investigation. This also includes the incident at Chennai airport.

(c) & (d): The aircraft are appropriately tested and certified for safe flight. The operating crew are also appropriately trained and assessed taking into the consideration performance of the aircraft and ensure safe operation.
