

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:52
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USE OF DAMAGED TYRE
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Alliance Air used a six times retreaded tyre in a Boeing 737 aircraft chartered by the Army to ferry their personnel from Leh in May 2003;
- (b) if so, whether the tyre was damaged during takeoff, forcing the plane carrying 93 passengers to make an emergency landing at IGIA;
- (c) whether there are any specific instructions regarding use of retreaded tyres in aircraft;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether any inquiry has been conducted to fix responsibilities for this grave negligence;
- (f) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (g) the action taken against the persons held responsible?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

- (a): Yes, Sir.
- (b); Yes, Sir. The aircraft made a safe precautionary landing at Delhi airport.
- (c) and (d): Yes, Sir. The use of retreaded tyres is a normal Aviation industry practice. As per existing instructions of Indian Airlines /Alliance Air, tyres retreaded 6 times can be used on B-737 aircraft.
- (e), (f) and (g): During the investigations, it has been found that the subject tyre failure took place either due to suspected Foreign Object Damage (FOD) or material failure. Negligence has not been observed on the part of the person/s involved in maintenance/ flight operations of the above flight.