

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2460
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MALFUNCTIONING OF ANTI HIJACK DEVICE
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a malfunctioning of anti hijack device on a Bangkok bound Indian Airlines aircraft triggered off a distress signal at the Mumbai airport;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any investigation for malfunctioning of the said device;
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to check the recurrence of such malfunctioning of the device?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

- (a) and (b): Yes, Sir. On 7/11/2005 at about 2300 hours, ATC Mumbai received a hijacking signal from an Indian Airlines aircraft parked at Bay No.47. Immediate action was taken to alert the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) and special security checks were conducted. The transponder was thereafter switched off.
- (c) and (d): Inquiries have been ordered by the Director General (Civil Aviation) and Commissioner of Security (Civil Aviation).
- (e): Necessary corrective measures would be taken by all the concerned agencies based on the outcome of the investigation.