

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 59

(To be answered on the 29th January 2026)

AVIATION SAFETY NORMS

59. SHRI S JAGATHRATCHAKAN

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION **नागर विमानन मंत्री** be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government recognises that the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) functions under the Ministry of Civil Aviation and if so, the reasons for not ensuring its institutional independence despite past recommendations;
- (b) whether the key findings of the Air Marshal J.K. Seth Committee (1997) on aviation safety oversight remain unimplemented and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has reviewed delays and lack of transparency in the release of accident investigation reports and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to ensure timely and public disclosure;
- (d) whether investigations repeatedly attribute accidents to pilot error there by ignoring systemic lapses in regulation, maintenance and manufacturing defects and if so, the details thereof along with the corrective measures being taken in this regard; and
- (e) whether the Government has maintained cause-wise data on aviation accidents during the last twenty years and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (e): Ministry of Civil Aviation established Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) as an independent body in July, 2012, to ensure functional autonomy and independence in conduct of investigations. The administration of AAIB is vested with the Director General (DG), AAIB.

One of the key recommendation of Air Marshal J. K. Seth committee was to entrust investigation of air accidents from the DGCA's purview to an independent body, which was implemented through the establishment of AAIB in 2012.

AAIB carries out investigations as per the Aircraft (Investigation of Accidents & Incidents) Rules and ICAO Annex 13. Any investigation carried out under these rules, are fair, impartial and judicious. Each and every aspect is analysed in order to bring out the probable cause and contributory factors leading to the accident. All the final investigation reports are uploaded on the AAIB website and available to the public immediately after completion of the investigation.

The cause-wise details of the completed investigations in last twenty years are available on website of Directorate General of Civil Aviation (from January 2006 to July 2012) and AAIB (from July 2012 to till date).
