

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2143

(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 12th February 2026)

ACTION AGAINST PASSENGERS PLAYING MUSIC

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) the action taken by the Government against passengers playing music inside passenger aircraft without using earphones;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to insert any penal provisions against passengers who play music without earphones inside aircraft and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of guidelines, issued by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) to airline operators regarding playing of music inside aircraft; and
- (d) whether bloggers or social media influencers are permitted to make video blogs inside aircraft and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): DGCA has issued Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR), Section 3, Air Transport, Series M, Part VI, pertaining to the Handling of Unruly Passengers under the provisions of Rule 22, Rule 23 and Rule 29 of the Aircraft Rules, 1937.

As per the said CAR, any unlawful or disruptive behavior on board an aircraft that interferes with the performance of duties of crew members, jeopardizes the safety of the aircraft, persons or property on board, affects good order and discipline, or causes discomfort to other passengers and crew members, may invite penal action.

(c): It is an operational practice of airlines, equipped with In-Flight Entertainment (IFE) systems, to play soft instrumental music during boarding and disembarkation and other pre-loaded entertainment content to passengers during flight.

(d): Rule 13 of the Aircraft Rules, 1937 restricts photography at DGCA-licensed aerodromes and from aircraft in flight, except with prior written permission.
