

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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ADVANCE BOOKING OF SEATS WITH THE INTERNATIONAL AIR LINES

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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

(a): whether most of the international passengers have to book their seats with the international airlines at least six months in advance from India to London and other tourist places on the world map;

(b): if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c): the remedial steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION

(SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a), (b) and (c): Shortage of air seat capacity is generally experienced during peak season. The Government of India permits operations of extra section flights to take care of seasonal traffic. The Government has also formulated a liberal tourist charter policy which has been well appreciated. On the basis of requests, the Government is also holding bilateral talks and views capacity requirements liberally.