

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2225

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GROWTH RATE OF DOMESTIC AIR TRAFFIC

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news captioned 'Domestic airlines headed for hard days' as appearing in the Hindustan Times dated July 11, 2001;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the project growth rate of domestic air traffic for the full year;
- (d) the growth rate of domestic air traffic during the first five months of the current financial year; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to achieve the projected growth rate?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

- (a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The main thrust of the news item is low domestic traffic growth as compared to projections.
- (c) The most likely growth rate has been projected at between 5 to 7% for the period 2001 to 2005.
- (d) The traffic data for the first five months of 2001 (January to May) has shown a growth rate of 1% as compared to similar period last year.
- (e) The overall growth rate is likely to improve in the tourist season.