

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4056
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CANCELLATION OF INDIAN AIRLINES FLIGHTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Airlines flights in North East Region particularly in Dimapur, Nagaland are being cancelled frequently and the passengers are placed in Five Star Hotels resulting in heavy loss to the exchequer Indian Airlines/ subsidiary cos.;
- (b) if so, the flights that have been cancelled during the last six months in North East Region and the expenses incurred on this account; State-wise;
- (c) whether any enquiry has been conducted in this regard so far;
- (d) if so, the findings thereof; and
- (e) the action taken against the officials involved therein?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) and (b): On an average Indian Airlines operate 152 flights per month to North East, out of which 7 flights on the average have been cancelled.

It is pertinent to mention here that of the 41 flights cancelled in the last six months, 28 flights were cancelled due the reasons beyond Indian Airlines control like destination/en-route bad weather, non-availability of navigational aids at Dimapur, non-availability of fuel at Aizwal and Imphal etc. There are no Five Star Hotels available in the North East. However, the stranded passengers of Indian Airlines flight are accommodated in the best Hotels available in each city in the North East.

(c): No Sir.

(d) and (e): Do not arise.