

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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IMPROVEMENT IN PASSENGER TRAFFIC  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there has been significant improvement in the aviation passenger traffic during the last few months;
- (b) if so, the growth of traffic on the domestic and international sectors; and
- (c) the extent to which this has helped in improving the financial health of the Indian Airlines/Air India?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION ( SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK )

(a),(b) & (c):- Though there has been growth during 2002 as compared to 2001 both in case of domestic as well as international passenger traffic, there was decline in the year 2001 as compared to year 2000 in both sectors. Domestic passengers carried in the year 2000, 2001 and 2002 were 133.21, 128.10 and 133.17 lakhs respectively. Similarly, international passengers carried by Air India and Indian Airlines in the year 2000, 2001 and 2002 were 37.48, 37.33 and 40.21 lakhs respectively. Due to competition, increase in ATF prices and adverse market situation, yields have gone down and therefore financial health of Indian Airlines and Air India has not improved significantly. Air India has generated a net profit of Rs.54.10 crores(Prov.) during April-November, 2002 compared to a net loss of Rs.24.84 crores during the previous year. The passenger revenue of Indian Airlines (including Alliance Air) has increased from Rs.861 crores during October-December, 2001 to Rs.1009 crores during October-December, 2002.