

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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DELAYED FLIGHTS OF INDIAN AIRLINES

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UPPALAPATI; VUKKALA RAJESWARAMMA

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

(a) whether flights of Indian Airlines destined to Calcutta and Mumbai ran late during the last week of March, 2000;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the efforts made to ensure that Indian Airlines business does not fall on this account?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. During the last week of March, 2000, the incidence of flight delays was much higher than the average due to the `Quality Assurance Norms` followed by the engineers falling back on technicalities, as a tactic adopted by the All India Aircraft Engineers Association in the context of its demands related to higher wages and other service conditions.

(c): Negotiations are currently in progress between the Management and the representatives of the Engineer's Association. Management has also drawn up a contingency schedule to cater to eventualities.