

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS OF I.A.
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian Airlines flights across the country have been delayed and the flights schedule disrupted because of a go-slow adopted by its engineers during the month of March, 2000;
- (b) if so, the details of losses suffered by Indian Airlines on this account;
- (c) the reasons for adopting such an attitude by the engineers of Indian Airlines; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to tackle the situation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a), (b) and (c): 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. There was no noticeable decrease in the utilization of seats in Indian Airlines.

(d): 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.