

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the civil aviation sector in India is facing crisis;
- (b) if so, whether the share of India in total world aviation traffic continues to remain minuscule;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the specific steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

- MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

- (a) No, Sir. There is no crisis in Indian Civil Aviation sector since the air traffic is registering a growth of about 17%.
- (b) The total scheduled traffic of the world is about 1.7 billion passengers out of which India`s share is about 36 million.
- (c) The developing countries all around the world have lower volumes of air traffic compared to developed world because of their overall economic conditions.
- (d) Some of the measures taken include, interalia :-
 1. Granting of permission to new Indian domestic carriers to start operations.
 2. Granting of enhanced capacity entitlements to foreign carriers under the bilateral ASA`s.
 3. Designation of private Indian carriers on international sectors to increase India`s utilization of bilateral entitlements.
 4. Upgrading airport infrastructure and improving ATC capacity.
 5. Granting permission for building new Greenfield airports with public/private partnership.