

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the average number of domestic and international flights handled by Delhi, Mumbai and Chennai airports;
- (b) whether it is a fact that many of the flights are forced to circle the airport many times and some of them are diverted due to congestion at the airports; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures being taken in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) The average number of domestic and international flights handled per day at Delhi, Mumbai and Chennai airports in 2004-05 is (229, 105), (300, 120) and (118, 50) respectively.

(b) There has been considerable increase in air traffic due to emergence of a number of private airlines in the aviation field. The demand sometimes exceed the capacity of runway, apron, terminal building etc and occasional operational problems. These factors lead to delays also.

(c) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has initiated steps to provide additional parking stands at metro airports, increase the runway capacity and terminal building capacity at metro airports, provide rapid exit taxi tracks and parallel taxi track to secondary runways. Besides, AAI is also undertaking steps to increase the number of aircrafts movements by improvement in air traffic procedures etc. AAI also has plans to encourage domestic airlines to park their aircraft at non-metro airports.