

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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SCRAPPING OF FLIGHTS ON SOME ROUTES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has contemplated scrapping of flights on some routes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is due to hike in the prices of air travel in the recent past; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor and the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (d):- No sir. Government has laid down route dispersal guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country. It is, however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability.

However, some Scheduled domestic airlines have curtailed some flights on their respective network mainly due to overcapacity in the market and higher input cost.