

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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TRAFFIC CONGESTION AT AIRPORTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the huge traffic congestion and traffic problem in various airports including Delhi leaving large number of passengers missing their flights;
- (b) if so, the detail thereof;
- (c) whether any steps have been taken to ease the congestion around the airports and to improve the facilities of parking at the airports;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (f) whether the Government propose to levy a congestion tax on those airlines that have a track record of late arrivals; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) Due to steep increase in air traffic in the past few years, some issues regarding the need to provide improved city connectivity have arisen at some of the airports, specially at Delhi, Bangaluru and Hyderabad.

(c),(d)&(e): Issue of city side connectivity of airport pertains to State Governments/local authorities. However, the Government are making all-out efforts to coordinate with these agencies for providing improved city connectivity to the airports so as to ease congestion. Some of the specific measures undertaken at IGI Delhi Airport include widening of the Entry road to the airport from Dwarka/NSG roundel from two lanes to five lanes and the exit road from two lanes to four lanes, creation of dedicated approach road for parking area. Besides, dedicated Metro Airport Expressway link is under construction. The State Governments of Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh have taken/planned various measures such as widening of Highways, construction of High Speed Express Rail link from City Centre to the new airports at Bangaluru and Hyderabad.

(f) No, Sir.

(g) Does not arise.