

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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AVIA FACING COMPETITION FROM PRIVATE AIRLINES

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

- (a) whether Indian Airlines and Air India are facing tough competition from the private airlines;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether these two carriers are loosing business share due to their ageing fleet;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to strengthen the Indian Airlines and the Air India and to make them consumer-friendly and affordable and to improve their efficiency to international level in order to capture the market;
- (f) whether a task force to improve the functioning of Air India and Indian Airlines has been constituted;
- (g) if so, the details thereof; and
- (h) the status of implementation of its report, as on date?

**Answer**

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

- (a) and (b): Yes, Sir. Private Airlines have gained market share during the last few years.
- (c) and (d): Ageing fleet is one of the reasons for loss in business share.
- (e): Government is conscious of the need to strengthen both the airlines and Air India and Indian Airlines are making all efforts to bring about improvements in their operations and services on a continuous basis.
- (f): No, Sir.
- (g) and (h): Do not arise.