

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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LOSSES DUE TO HOVERING OF AIRCRAFT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether National Aviation Company of India Limited (NACIL) planes hover for very long before landing at airports while the private and foreign airlines get early clearance for landing;
- (b) if so, whether owing to delayed landing these planes have exhausted much fuel and NACIL has incurred a loss of approximately 300 crores; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): At some of the airports during peak hours, all aircrafts have to wait in the air due to congestion. The waiting time depends upon the air traffic at that time. The ATC does not discriminate between airlines in providing air traffic services to flights.
- (b) and (c): The estimated fuel cost for the holding delay is about Rs.36 crore per annum.