

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the flights of National Aviation Company of India Limited generally get much delayed as compared to those of private airlines;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government has ascertained any reasons for the same;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to remedy the situation; and
- (e) the success achieved by the Government with the steps taken?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. The On-time performance of NACIL's domestic flights is lower than the other private scheduled airlines. NACIL has been directed to improve upon the same from time to time.

(c), (d) and (e): Delays are mainly of two types - One within the control of the airline such as technical snags, shortage of crew/aircraft etc. and the other outside the control of the airline like weather, airport congestion, ATC delays. The delays include consequential delays, which are as a result of primary delay at the originating station having a cascading effect at other en-route stations.

Some of the measures taken by the Airline to bring about improvement in on-time performance are that (i) Prune and consolidate flights, with a view to sustaining undisrupted and punctual operations; (ii) Continuous review of aircraft routing, delays, crew allocations etc. by senior executives with a view to achieving optimum utilisation of crew and substantial savings.