

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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OVERLOADING OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of flights being operated from different airports of the country are beyond the capacities of air traffic control on the airports;
- (b) if so, whether Delhi air traffic control is handling more than 40 aeroplanes against its handling capacity of 30 to 35 aeroplanes;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether private companies are getting the number of aeroplanes increased by putting pressure on air traffic control;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps being taken by the Government to provide safe air journey to the passengers?

Answer

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

- (a), (b) & (c) No flights are being operated beyond capacities of Air Traffic Control on the Airports. However with two runway operations, the traffic handling capacity of Air Traffic Control of Delhi Airport has been increased and it can handle 50 to 55 aircraft per hour.
- (d) No, Sir.
- (e) Does not arise.
- (f) The steps taken for providing safe journey to Passengers are as under:
 - (i) New high speed exit taxiways have been constructed at Delhi and Mumbai Airport.
 - (ii) At Delhi Airport third runway has been constructed to accommodate more flights.
 - (iii) Improved ATC procedures have been framed and ATC Automation System has been upgraded at Delhi and Mumbai Airports.
 - (iv) Clearance Delivery Position has been established at Mumbai and Delhi Airports.
 - (v) Advanced Surface Movement Guidance and Control System (ASMGCS) along with Surface Movement Radar has been installed and in operation at Delhi Airport.
 - (vi) At the time of slot allocation schedule, arrival and departure are spread in such a manner that bunching should not occur resulting in delays of flights.
 - (vii) The number of hourly movements of flights are being frozen at Mumbai and Delhi Airport at par with available runway / terminal building capacity.
 - (viii) Air Traffic flow management System is being developed with the help of international experts.