

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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NEW CIVIL AVIATION POLICY
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated/proposes to formulate a new National Civil Aviation Policy;
- (b) if so, the details therefor; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which the policy is likely to be formulated?

Answer

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

(a)to(c):- Yes, sir. Government had proposed to formulate a New Civil Aviation Policy However, most of the issues set forth in the proposed National Civil Aviation Policy have already been implemented:

(i)Revised FDI Policy for airports has been put in place vide which 100% FDI, through automatic route, has been permitted in Greenfield airports.

(ii)FDI requirements for air transport side of civil aviation have been revised and separate limits have been prescribed in respect of different sectors such as cargo, airlines, non-scheduled operators, MRO etc.

(iii)Greenfield Airport Policy has been announced, which lays down policy guidelines for establishment of new airports.

(iv)Relaxed procedure for establishment of private airports for 'private use' has been announced.

(v)The statute for establishment of economic regulator for the airports viz., Airports Economic Regulatory Authority (AERA) has been passed by the Parliament and notified on 05-12-2008.

(vi)Private domestic airlines have been permitted to fly on overseas routes subject to specified guidelines. Further, bilateral arrangements with other countries have been gradually liberalized. These initiatives have enabled considerably better international connectivity.

(vii)Air India and Indian Airlines have been merged to create a strong and efficient national carrier.

(viii)A new Flying Training Institute has been established at Gondia, Maharashtra. Further, Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi has been restructured. These measures would help in putting in place better training infrastructure for technical manpower in the aviation sector.