

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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USE OF CELL PHONE ON AIRCRAFT

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received number of request from various corners for use of cell phone on aircraft;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any decision in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) and (b):- Yes, Madam. The request for the use of Cell phones on aircraft (in flight mode) are received by the airlines from the traveling public.

(c) to (e):- The use of cell phones in an aircraft is prohibited from door close untill door open. However, the question of relaxing this retriCTION is being examined