

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:389
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PERFORMANCE OF NACIL
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the share of the private airlines and that of the National Aviation Company of India Limited (NACIL) in the overall domestic civil aviation sector;
- (b) the details of growth recorded by the private sector airlines vis-a-vis national carrier since implementation of the open sky policy;
- (c) whether steps have been taken by the Government to improve the performance of NACIL so as to give a tough competition to the private airlines; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d):- A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN REPLY TO STARRED QUESTION NO. 389 DATED 22.04.2010 REGARDING PERFORMANCE OF NACIL.

(a):- The details of market share of NACIL and private scheduled airlines (in percentage) in domestic sector in 2009 are as under:

Airline 2009

NACIL	17.5
Jet Air	17.9
JetLite	7.5
AirDeccan	
Kingfisher	23.9
SpiceJet	12.4
Paramount	01.9
Go Air	04.7
IndiGo	13.9
Indus	-
MDLR	0.27

(b):- There is no such open sky policy and all airlines are required to follow Route Dispersal Guidelines issued by the Government. The details of passenger growth recorded by NACIL and private Scheduled airlines (in percentage) in domestic sector from 2005 to 2009 are as under:-

Airline 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009

NACIL	1.03	1.74	17.72	-18.35	15.78
Jet Air	12.34	14.99	-3.52	-9.44	-10.45
JetLite	10.32	2.50	11.36	3.64	0.83
AirDeccan	207.16	158.47	24.85	-32.13	
Kingfisher	349.76	87.29	20.05	-6.88	
SpiceJet	229.27	69.49	8.33	33.84	
Paramount	-	1631.59	149.33	12.30	31.75
Go Air	-	1710.00	97.46	-23.73	51.21
IndiGo		686.17	46.53	28.59	

(c) and (d):- Yes, Madam. Air India takes continuous steps to improve its competitive performance. The following steps were taken by Air India in this regard:

(i) More hub & spoke services introduced.

(ii) Through flight numbers have been given on certain sectors (viz. Hyderabad-Mumbai-New York, Kolkata-Delhi-New York, Hyderabad-Mumbai-Frankfurt-Chicago, Kolkata-Delhi-London, Ahmedabad-Mumbai-London) that would improve Air India flight displays on GDS systems thus expected to improve sales.

(iii) With the new aircrafts inducted in AI's fleet, the new aircrafts have been deployed on all the major international and domestic routes that would enable Air India to offer improved product in the important markets, improve on-time performance and reduce cost of operations.

(iv) In order to tap 6th freedom traffic, Air India has changed timing of some of the services to offer better connections. Air India offers convenient connections in both directions on following routes:

(i) Bangkok-London/Kathmandu via Delhi

(ii) Kathmandu-Dubai/Muscat via Delhi

(iii) Bangkok-London/New York/Frankfurt/Chicago via Mumbai

(iv) Dhaka-London/New York/Frankfurt/Chicago via Mumbai

(v) Singapore-Dubai via Mumbai.

After operationalization of new terminal at Delhi, Air India would be in a better position to attract more number of 6th freedom feeds over Delhi by leveraging its strength of connectivity out of Delhi.

(v) Air India is also reviewing its network strategy with the help of experts in the field.

(vi) Air India is taking the software tool for planning and scheduling.