GOVERNMENT OF INDIA CIVIL AVIATION LOK SABHA

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INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS FROM DOMESTIC AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to operate the international and domestic flights from same terminals;
- (b) if so, the benefits likely to be accrued to the Government in this regard; and
- (c) the time by which this scheme is likely to be introduced?

Answer

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

(a)to (c):Keeping in view the advantages of Integrated Terminals handling both international and domestic traffic, the construction / operationalization of Integrated Terminal buildings at various cities across India has been taken up by airport operators. The Integrated Terminal is already operational at Srinagar, Aurangabad, Nagpur, Trichy and Vishakapatnam. At New Delhi, a new Integrated Terminal T3 will become operational in July, 2010.

There is no direct benefit for the Government in this regard. However, Integrated Terminal Buildings allow the smooth interchange of domestic and international passengers leading to passenger convenience with seamless connections. It ensures coordinated utilization of resources by the airlines and allied services. The integrated infrastructure provides for faster passenger handling, baggage and cargo transfer resulting in reduction of cost for airlines since volumes of operations can result in economies of scale, aircraft maintenance, catering facilities, etc. It provides for greater flexibility to airlines to respond to delays, cancellations and irregular operations.