

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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OPERATION OF AIRLINES  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of countries with which bilateral agreements have been signed for operation of their flights in the country during the past six years;
- (b) the number of foreign airlines flying to various destinations in the country alongwith the weekly frequency as on 1 April 2010;
- (c) the number of countries which have allowed flights to Indian owned and India based airlines to fly to different destinations in their respective countries indicating weekly frequency of flights during the last six years;
- (d) the number of India based Airlines flying to foreign destinations alongwith weekly frequency, countrywise and destination-wise; and
- (e) the total quantum of seats out of the bilateral rights available to India that India based and India owned airlines are using and the total quantum of seat, as per bilateral agreements, foreign airlines flying to India are using as of 1 April?

**Answer**

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

(a): India has signed 12 bilateral Air Services Agreements (ASAs) with foreign countries during the past six years. However, in total India has 104 bilateral ASAs with foreign countries.

(b): As on 1st April, 2010, 72 foreign airlines are operating to/from various destinations in India providing 1356 services/week utilizing 3,26,705 seats/week.

(c)& (d): Indian carriers are eligible to operate to/from 104 countries with whom India has bilateral Air Services Agreements. However, four Indian carriers are operating on international sectors to 25 foreign countries operating 990 frequencies per week to 35 destinations. The seat - capacity utilization per week by the Indian carriers during the last six years are as under:

2004 - 77,097 seats per week

2005 - 1,14,664 seats per week

2006 - 1,16,465 seats per week

2007 - 1,33,650 seats per week

2008 - 1,70,053 seats per week

2009 - 1,59,846 seats per week

(e): As on 1st April, 2010, 7,11,356 seats per week are available as capacity entitlements to the Indian carriers on reciprocal basis. The Indian carriers and foreign carriers are utilizing 1,70,914 and 3,26,705 seats per week respectively.