

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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AIRCRAFT OPERATING UNDER VARIOUS AIRLINES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of various types of aircrafts under National Aviation Company of India Limited (NACIL) and other Private Sector Airlines operating daily in the country;
- (b) whether the number of passengers being carried by NACIL has dropped gradually in the recent past;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the main reasons for the same; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to make national carrier more attractive and competitive?

Answer

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

- (a): The total number of aircraft in National Aviation Company of India Limited's fleet and other Private Sector Airlines operating in the country are 157 and 248 respectively.
- (b) and (c): The passengers carried by National Aviation Company of India Limited had dropped by 22% during 2008-09 as compared to 2007-08 and has increased by 2.9% during April-June 2009 as compared to the same period during 2008.
- (d): Government has approved the proposal of Air India for purchase of new Boeing and Airbus aircraft to boost its capacity and to replace the old aircraft. Air India has also introduced a number of schemes to attract more passengers like
 - (i) Special Super saver scheme for Executive class passengers for short term sale;
 - (ii) Spouse Free scheme on market fares on international and domestic sectors in Business class and
 - (iii) Special offer for passengers booking tickets online through the website etc.