

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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GLOBAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OF AIR INDIA  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether after the merger, the Air India has engaged vendors for its Global Distribution System (GDS);
- (b) if so, the names of GDS vendors;
- (c) the quantum of commission paid by Air India to its GDS vendors during the last one year and also per booking done on the system;
- (d) whether such payments of commission to GDS vendors are based on bookings done in the system or actual travel effected; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) and (b): Yes, Sir. The names of Global Distribution System Vendors (GDSs) are Amadeus, Abacus, Sabra, Travelsky, Infini, Topas, Axess, Galileo, Worldspan and Apollo.
- (c) and (d): Air India does not pay any commission to the GDSs. However, there is a fixed charge per segment for bookings made by agents of Air India. Such charges are paid on monthly basis to GDSs through IATA clearing house.
- (e): Does not arise.