

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3793
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VT CODE FOR INDIAN AEROPLANES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether `VT code` is an International code of Indian Aeroplanes;
- (b) whether it is also known as `viceroy territory` or `Victorian territory` which is a foreigner`s name;
- (c) if so, whether any efforts have been made to change this name;
- (d) whether efforts are being made to register Indian Aeroplanes under an Indian name; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): No, Sir.

(c) to (e): An attempt was made with ICAO and after evaluating all the options, it has been decided not to replace the existing mark `VT` notified by the International Civil Aviation Organization in accordance with Annex 7 to the Chicago Convention as no other code which distinctly identifies with India is available. All alphabets denoting India are already allotted to other countries, hence replacing VT with another code which does not denote India is not worthwhile.