

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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DURATION OF AIR INDIA FLIGHTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Air India flights from Mumbai to Delhi take 2 hours 15/20 minutes while other airlines like Jet Airways, Kingfisher, Go Air, etc. take 15 to 20 minutes less;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the efforts made/being made by Air India to be competitive to other airlines in respect of saving of time;
- (d) whether Air India would consider further reduction in flight timings in other routes also; 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): The published block timing for current summer 2010 time table for Bombay-Delhi is 2.15 hours. The actual flying time between Bombay-Delhi is around 1:40 and remaining 00.35 accounts for taxi times and holding delays at Bombay & Delhi. After commencement of runway 29 and due to enormous increase of air traffic especially at Bombay & Delhi airports, the block time for Bombay/Delhi sector has been revised to 2 hours & 15 minutes.

(c), (d) and (e): NACIL believes in publishing a mere realistic block time and then to maintain its on-time schedules to further its improve image in the market.

As and when T3 terminal at Delhi becomes operational for Domestic flights, the taxiing time required to reach the parking bays would reduce substantially and block timings would then be revised accordingly.