

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:332  
ANSWERED ON:02.12.2010  
PASSENGER LOAD FACTOR  
Maadam Shri Vikrambhai Arjanbhai

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

- (a) whether passenger load factor and economics of scales, are some of the parameters, taken into consideration, while introducing flight, to new sector, or augmenting the frequency;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the National Aviation Company of India Limited (NACIL) has identified the sectors having high passenger load factor;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Ministry is considering to increase the frequency of flights in those sectors; and
- (f) if so, the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a), (b),(c),(d),(e) and (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.332 FOR ANSWER ON 02.12.2010 TABLED BY SHRI AHIR VIKRAMBHAI ARJANBHAI MAADAM, MP REGARDING PASSENGER LOAD FACTOR.

(a) and (b): Yes, Madam. The medium/long term strategic considerations of the route including the estimated passenger carriage/load factor/revenue based on market dynamics, propensity of the route to generate feeder traffic/revenues on the other routes, estimated profitability from the identified route and feasibility of operations based on availability of necessary resources in terms of suitable aircraft, crew and Engineering support are some of the factors that are considered before introducing flight to new sectors or increasing frequency of operations on existing routes.

(c) and (d): Flights operating at over 75% or so are considered to be operating at high load factors. NACIL has indentified more than 50 such sectors, some of which are Guwahati-Silchar, Delhi-Lucknow, Mumbai-Chennai- Madurai, Mumbai - Hyderabad - Vizag, Kolkata- Imphal-Aizawl-Kolkata, Delhi-Guwahati-Bagdogra-Delhi, Delhi-Chennai, Trivandrum-Chennai- Bangalore-Trivandrum etc.

(e) and (f): The airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country and also increase frequencies subject to the above factors and compliance of Route Dispersal Guidelines issued by the Government.