

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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SURAT AND AHMEDABAD AIRPORTS  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total number of international flights handled at Ahmedabad airport during the calendar year, 2009-10;
- (b) the total number of international passengers who arrived and departed at Ahmedabad Airport during the calendar year, 2009-10;
- (c) whether any proposal is pending with his Ministry to upgrade Surat Airport as an International Airport and operating the international and domestic flights on regular basis in view of availability of traffic from Surat and South Gujarat;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) the number of airlines operating flights from Surat airport;
- (f) whether maintenance and upkeep of Surat airport is not upto the mark; and
- (g) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

- (a): Number of aircraft movements (International) handled at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International (SVPI) Airport, Ahmedabad during the year 2009-10 was 7036.
- (b): Number of international passengers handled at SVPI Airport, Ahmedabad during the year 2009-10 was 8,47,241.
- (c), (d) & (e): No, Madam, However, Surat Airport has already been upgraded for AB-321 aircraft operations. Presently, only Air India operates daily flights on the Delhi-Surat-Delhi sector six times in a week.
- (f): No, Madam.
- (g): Does not arise in view of (f) above.