

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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FACILITIES TO AIR PASSENGERS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide special facilities to the passengers during the course of air journey in order to attract foreign tourists;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the annual estimated number of foreign tourists likely to visit India after offering the said facilities?

Answer

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS & MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) and (b):- To attract foreign tourists, Government is encouraging development of airport infrastructure by way of expansion/upgradation of existing airports including small and medium airports and through establishment of new airports (including greenfield airports) with a view to ensure :-

(i) Infrastructure to be in place ahead of demand.

(ii) Support for airport infrastructure development initiatives to facilitate/encourage air connectivity to remote and inaccessible areas of tourist importance.

(iii) Government has also declared 17 airports as international airports and 09 airports as custom airports to facilitate foreign tourist across the country.

In addition, Airports Operators are providing world class infrastructure like terminal building, Immigration facility, city side development around airport. Also, many airports at places of tourist importance have been developed.

(c):- No such estimation has been done by the Ministry.