

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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VISION DOCUMENT FOR AVIATION SECTOR .
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the salient features of the Vision- 2020 document prepared for aviation sector;
- (b) whether consolidation of Indian aviation sector is taking place very rapidly;
- (c) if so, whether the said documents has been approved by the Cabinet; and
- (d) if so, its likely impact on the fares and passenger traffic?

Answer

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

(a) :- Vision 2020 documents prepared by the Ministry is an assessment of the overall outlook of the sector in 2020. As per the vision 2020 prepared by the Ministry, the growth of aviation sector has potential to absorb upto USD 120 billion of investment. Fleet size of commercial airlines sector will be approximately 1000 aircraft, domestic passengers numbers could reach 150-180 million, Helicopter fleet is expected to be another 500 air cargo movement is expected to reach the level of 9 million MT and the sector may have the potential to absorb 3 million jobs directly by 2020.

(b):- Consolidation of airlines is decided by the concerned airlines themselves. However, both erstwhile Air India and Indian Airlines were merged with National Aviation Company of India Limited (Now renamed as Air India Limited)w.e.f.01.4.2007. Further, merger of Kingfisher and Deccan airlines and takeover of Sahara Airlines by Jet Airways have also taken place.

(c):- No, Madam. However, various issues relevant to the document are implemented from time to time by following laid down procedures.

(d):- Airlines tariffs are market determined and takes into account all relevant factors, including the cost of operation, characteristics of services etc. Generally Scheduled airlines offer different fare buckets for each flight, in line with the practice followed in other parts of the world. As the lower fare buckets get sold out, the passengers pay progressively higher fare with the increase in demand for seats.