

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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OPERATIONAL COSTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the air traffic has increased during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof particularly in rural areas/non-metro cities like tier 2 and tier 3 cities;
- (c) the present position thereof in the towns and cities of Haryana; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to cope up with the growth of air traffic at airports?

Answer

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a): The growth of domestic passenger carried during the last three years from 2009 to 2012 (till Mar.) is as follows:

YEAR PAX Carried Growth (%)

(Millions)

2008	41.27	-
2009	43.84	+6.23
2010	52.02	+18.66
2011	60.66	+16.61
2012	15.27	+6.55

(Till March)

(b) & (c): City wise information not maintained by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).

(d): To cope up with the significant growth in air traffic, the following Sector specific measures have been taken by the Government:

(i) Easier FDI Policy for airports has been put in place vide which 100% FDI, through automatic route, has been permitted in Greenfield airports. (ii) To create world class airport infrastructure, upgradation/modernization of a number of metro and non-metro airports have been undertaken by Airports Authority of India (AAI) as well as through Joint Venture Companies. (iii) AAI has undertaken upgradation & modernization of 35 non-metro airports in the country in a time bound manner. In addition, 13 more airports have also been taken up for upgradation. (iv) AAI has also undertaken the modernization and expansion of the international airports at Chennai and Kolkata. (v) A new policy for green field airports has been envisaged. (vi) The infrastructure at the airports, Air Traffic Control and Navigation is being constantly upgraded to meet the future demand of the airlines.