

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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DECLINE IN AIR TRAFFIC
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage growth of air traffic during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether Air Traffic has shrunk by 3 percent in the financial year 2011-12;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, and;
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?;

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI K. C. VENUGOPAL)

(a) to (d): The annual passenger growth in 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 (January) are as follows:

Year	No. of Passenger	Growth
(in million)	(percentage)	
2010 52	18.7	
2011 60.7	16.6	
2012 58.8	-3.04	
2013 9.13	-3.77	
(Jan.)		

The prime reason for this decline is that Kingfisher Airlines was also operating a sizeable number of flights, carrying considerable number of passengers thereby contributing to the growth of traffic. However, the airline started withdrawing its flight on various routes gradually and eventually stopped operating from October, 2012 resulting in falling growth of passenger traffic. On the other hand, the passengers carried by other airlines has shown only marginal hike in the growth.

The Government has taken several measures like allowing direct import of Aviation Turbine Fuel permitted for Indian Carriers as actual users, permitted foreign airlines to participate upto 49 percent in the equity of an air transport undertaking, allowing ECB for working capital requirement of airline industry for a period of one year, subject to a total ceiling of US \$ 1 billion and tax concession for parts of aircraft and testing equipment for third party maintenance, repair and overhaul of civil aircraft.