

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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NON CONDUCTIVE CIVIL AVIATION ENVIRONMENT

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is an apprehension that high costs of aviation operations, congestion and poorly developed air navigation services in the country would be a deterrent in foreign airlines picking up stakes in Indian aviation sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to address the problems in attracting foreign investment to the aviation sector;
- (d) the number of global airlines that have cut flights to India due to nonconducive environment including high airport charges, stiff taxes on jet fuel and low fares; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

Minister of State in the [Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI K. C. VENKAT GOPAL)]

- (a) & (b) : No, Madam. At present, there is no congestion of air traffic at Indian airports. The Air Navigation services provided by AAI in India are at par with the services provided in the world.
- (c) : The measures taken by the Government to attract Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Civil Aviation sector are as in Annexure.
- (d) & (e) : No such trend has been observed.