

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1356

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AIR TRAFFIC

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the air traffic is increasing in the country;
- (b) if so, the growth rate of air traffic during the last three years;
- (c) whether this rise in air traffic is very low when compared to other countries;and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken thereon including reduction of taxes which is very high at present so as to increase air traffic?

Answer

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

- (a):- Yes, Madam. There has been a consistent increase in air traffic during the last three years except in the year 2012.
- (b):- The details of passenger carried by scheduled domestic carrier and corresponding growth during the last three years & current year are as follows:

Year	Passenger carried (in millions)	%Growth
2010	52.00	+18.70
2011	60.70	+16.60
2012	58.80	-03.04
2013	50.70	+04.77

-2013 data is for period between January- October.

-% of growth has been analyzed with the number of passenger carried by the airlines during the year to number of passenger carried out by the airlines during the corresponding period of the previous year.

(c): No Madam, The rise in air traffic growth is very significant when compared to the top ten countries of the world in civil aviation. India is second fastest growing country in air traffic after China.

(d):- The Government has been pursuing with the State Governments to reduce VAT on ATF. The Government has also allowed direct import of Aviation Turbine Fuel by Indian Carriers as actual users. Tax concession for parts of aircraft and testing equipment for third party maintenance, repair and overhaul of civil aircraft to promote civil aviation.