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CIVIL AVIATION
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CONGESTION AT AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to congestion at the International/National airports, landing and take-off take longer time which results in delay of flights;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the average number of flights operated in a day from each of the International/ National airports in the country at present;

(d) whether the Government is thinking to put cap on operation of new flights due to decongestion of the airports; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government to decongest the pressure at International/ National airports?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) & (b): No, Madam. In normal circumstances flights do not get delayed. But some times delay occurs due to bunching of flights on account of bad weather, technical/operational reasons, etc.

(c) The average number of flights operated in a day from each of the Internaional Airports in the country is as under: Mumbai(MIAL) - 654, Delhi (DIAL) - 666, Chennai - 306, Banglore (BIAL) - 280, Kolkata - 231, Hyderabad (GHIAL) - 219, Cochin - 112, Ahmedabad-107, Guwahati - 90, Trivandrum - 71, Goa - 64, Calicut - 50, Jaipur - 66, Nagpur - 48, Port Blair - 15, Srinagar - 27, Amritsar - 27, Pune - 66, Indore - 61, Juhu - 60, Bhopal - 59, Lucknow - 56, Vadodra - 54, Bhubaneswar - 50, Coimbatore - 42, Visakhapatnam - 33, Ranchi - 32, Raipur - 31, Mangalore - 30, Patna - 27, Jammu - 23, Agartala - 23, Trichy - 21, Chandigarh - 21, Udaipur - 21, Imphal - 19, Madurai - 20, Bagdogra - 19, Varanasi - 16, Aurangabad - 14, Silchar - 11, Tirupati - 9, Jodhpur - 7, Leh - 6, Rajkot - 6, Gaya - 1.

(d) & (e): Various steps have been taken up to decongest the pressure at major Airports:

1. Airport operators have initiated measures for high speed exit taxi-ways at Delhi and Mumbai airports. A parallel taxi-track has been constructed at Delhi airport by which runway occupancy time has been reduced cosiderably.

2. Delhi International Airport Ltd. has constructed third runway to accommodate more arrivals and departures at Delhi Airport.

3. Simultaneous use of both runways at Delhi and Mumbai airports has been started during the traffic congestion period.

4. The beginning of runway 32 and 27 have been joined by constructing a new taxi-track and beginning of runway 27 is being joined from international apron at Mumbai to reduce runway occupancy time.

5. AAI has already taken up the project for upgradation of 35 non-metro airports enable to handle the increased air traffic at those airports.

6. Improved ATC procedures have been designed.

7 Clearance Delivery Position has been established at Mumbai, Delhi, Bengaluru and Hyderabad international airports to reduce R/T congestion.

8. Ban on general aviation aircraft during peak period at Mumbai airport has been imposed.

9. Advance Surface Movement Guidance and Control System

(ASMGCS) along with surface movement radar has been Installed and in operation at Delhi, Bengaluru and Hyderabad airports.

10. Kolkata ILS is being upgraded to CAT II ILS.

11. At the time of slot allocation schedule arrival and departure time are spread in such a manner that bunching should not take place

resulting into delays.

12. The number of hourly movements of flights has been optimised a t Mumbai and Delhi airports as per availability of runway / terminal building capacity.