

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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NO BACK UP RADAR SYSTEM AT CHENNAI AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Chennai Airport lacks back up radar system;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Chennai Airport handles more than 30 to 35 aircraft during peak hours;
- (d) whether the present radar system at Chennai has been failing frequently for the past three years; and
- (e) if so, the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) The Chennai Airport is having Primary and Secondary Radar system having dual channel. In case of failure of one channel, second channel takes over.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) & (e) No, Sir. Only few interruptions have occurred in the last 3 years due to scheduled maintenance/unforeseen failures. Availability of Radar service was more than 99% in the last three years.