

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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HOVERING OF AIRCRAFT OVER AIRPORTS  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether aeroplanes have to hover over certain airports of the country including Goa airport due to delay in getting clearance for landing from Air Traffic Controller thereby wasting fuel;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to formulate a policy in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which it is likely to be formulated?

**Answer**

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Dr Mahesh Sharma)

(a): No, Madam. At all major airports where Air Traffic Services is provided by Airports Authority of India, there is no congestion except at Mumbai airport, where the ground infrastructure is inadequate to meet the demand and congestion is unavoidable. Goa Airport is a Defence airport and the Air Traffic Services is provided by Indian Navy. Unavoidable congestion at times takes places at major airports due to non adherence of allotted slots by airline operators, unusual occurrences, bad weather, fog, airspace restrictions etc.

(b) & (c) : No, Madam. No such proposal at present.