

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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AVIATION INDUSTRY  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Indian Aviation Industry is one of the top 10 Aviation Industries in the world and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether there is any proposal to double the fleet size of Indian carriers in the next few years; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the present status of the proposal?

**Answer**

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri G.M. Siddeshwara)

(a): The review of performance of civil aviation sector was undertaken during the process of finalization of XIth Five Year Plan and it was observed that India had become the 9th largest civil aviation market in the world. Passenger handling capacity rose three-folds from 72 million (FY 06) to over 220 million (FY 11). Cargo handling capacity rose from 0.5 million MT (FY 06) to 3.3 million MT (FY 11). Connectivity to North East Region also rose from 87 flights per week to 286 flights per week.

(b) & (c): During the XIth Plan, the fleet size of domestic carriers has increased from around 200 to 430. As per estimates given by the scheduled domestic operators in the country, airlines in India are expected to add around 370 aircrafts to their fleet by financial year 2016 - 17.