

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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AIR TRAFFIC

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the growth registered in air traffic in the country during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the Airports Authority of India has made any estimates on the growth in air traffic in the next five years; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken or proposed to be taken to meet the growing demand of air traffic in future?

Answer

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

(a): The air traffic in terms of aircraft movement and passenger traffic has increased during the last three years. However, in the same period freight witnessed negative growth. The total aircraft movements and passengers have registered a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 3.3% and 5.6% respectively, whereas freight has declined by 1% during FY 2010-11 to FY 2013-14. In the current financial year (April- May, 2014) aircraft movements, passengers and freight traffic has increased by 5%, 5% and 9.9% respectively over traffic handled during (April-May) 2013-14. The details are at Annexure-I.

(b) & (c): Yes, Madam. Airports Authority of India (AAI) has estimated that traffic at all Indian Airports taken together in terms of aircraft movements, passenger and freight are expected to grow at the rate of 4.2%, 5.3% and 5% respectively for the next five years. The details are at Annexure-II. To meet the growing demand of air traffic, AAI have modernized / upgraded and developed the terminal buildings, Runways/ Taxiways/ parking space and other infrastructural facilities at several airports in the country. Further, the development/upgradation of airports is a continuous process and is undertaken by AAI from time to time depending on traffic demand, commercial viability, socio-economic considerations, availability of land etc.