

**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) whether the growth of air traffic has slowed down during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) and (b):- Total number of passengers carried by Scheduled domestic carriers in the year 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 (up to October) and corresponding traffic growth is given below:

Year	Number of passenger carried (In Million)	% of Growth
2010	52.02	-
2011	60.66	+16.60
2012	58.81	- 03.04
2013	61.42	+ 04.43
2014 (up to October)	55.07	+ 8.6

One of the reasons for decline during the year 2012 is attributed to closure of Kingfisher Airlines. The airline was operating sizeable number of flights, carrying considerable number of passengers thereby contributing to the growth of traffic. However, the airline started withdrawing its flight on various routes gradually and eventually stopped operating from October, 2012.

(c) and (d): Government has taken several measures like persuading State Governments to reduce VAT on ATF, allowing direct import of Aviation Turbine Fuel by Indian Carriers as actual users, permitting foreign airlines to participate upto 49 percent in the equity of scheduled air transport undertaking, allowing ECB for working capital requirement of airline industry for a period of one year subject to a total ceiling of US \$1 billion and tax concession for parts of aircraft and testing equipment for third party maintenance, repair and overhaul of civil aircraft.