

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 4301
(To be answered on the 18th July 2019)**

UNIQUE IDS FOR BOOKING OF AIR TICKET

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government proposes to make it mandatory for passengers to book air tickets by providing unique IDs like Pan Card, Aadhaar Card or Passport;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government has consulted the stakeholders before taking the initiative forward and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of State (IC) in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(a) to (c) No Sir. There is no need for any ID at the time of booking of domestic air ticket. However, at the time of check -in, an ID is required. Further, Ministry of Civil Aviation has taken up the 'Digi Yatra' initiative which envisages seamless and hassle-free passenger processing at Indian Airports, without the need for verification of ticket and ID at multiple touch points. Passengers can choose to enroll themselves in this program for a seamless travel experience. Identification and validation of his/her ticket is to be done by a biometric system. The system discourages the use of paper, however, option of manual procedure is also envisaged in this programme. This facility does not insist upon use of Aadhaar, however, a choice to use Aadhaar card as one of the identity proof is available. Accordingly, DGCA has issued Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR) Section III, Series M, Part-VII, titled as "Implementation of E-Boarding Process (Digi Yatra) after stakeholder consultations. Digi Yatra initiative is scheduled to be rolled out in a phased manner starting from December 2019. In first phase, Airports at Kolkata, Pune, Vijayawada, Varanasi, Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Cochin, Mumbai and Delhi will be taken up for implementing Digi Yatra.
