

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
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SLOTS AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION **नागर विमानन मंत्री** be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that Indian airlines are facing hurdles in accessing slots at major foreign airports such as Amsterdam and Heathrow and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is true that Indian airlines are not able to fully utilize their flying rights granted to them and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether winter slots of Indian airlines have not yet been finalized by airport authorities in other countries, particularly in European countries and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether any discussions have been held in this regard with the concerned authorities and if so, the outcome thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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- (a) Airlines across the world, including Indian carriers, may occasionally face slot issues at various airports including Amsterdam and Heathrow. The onus of obtaining slots lies with the airlines, and all carriers engage with the respective airports or slot coordinators for this purpose.
- (b) The utilization of traffic/flying rights by Indian carriers depends on the availability of aircraft for the route, the allocation of airport slots, necessary regulatory approvals, economic viability and other related factors.
- (c) Slots for the Winter 2025 schedule were finalized by respective airports / their slot coordinators well in advance of the commencement of the schedule (26th October 2025)
- (d) Slot matters typically do not fall within the purview of governments. However, whenever any Indian carrier faces challenges in obtaining slots, the Government of India, on the request

from the airline, raises the issue during bilateral meetings and requests the concerned country to facilitate slot allocation at their airports.
