

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION DUE TO AIRCRAFT
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware of increasing pollution in the atmosphere due to aircraft;
- (b) if so, whether the aircraft of the various airlines are the major pollution creator in the atmosphere; and
- (c) if so, the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a), (b) & (c) Aviation is one of the many sources of pollution especially Greenhouse gases. There has been a slight increase in global warming due to aviation. Some estimates by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) - a United Nation's body constituted for assessing climate change globally has reported that aviation contribution to global warming is projected to increase slightly over the next fifty years. The remedial steps taken up by the government and airlines are use of more fuel-efficient engines, better fuel and improvement in Air Traffic Management.