

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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AIR SPACE MANAGEMENT  
PUSHPDAN SHAMBHUDAN GADHAVI

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government are contemplating to make air space management more flexible which will lead to ten to fifteen percent expansion in the Indian air space;
- (b) if so, the complete details thereof;
- (c) the percentage of air space available to military and civilian aircraft;
- (d) whether the civil aviation and Indian Air Force authorities have discussed air safety measures; and
- (e) if so, the outcome of the discussion?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION ( SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY )

- (a) and (b): Yes, Sir. However, the flexible use of airspace is only to permit civil aircraft to use the airspace exclusively reserved for military purposes for optimum utilization of the Indian airspace but not for expansion of the existing Indian airspace.
- (c): Airspace available to military and civilian aircraft are 35% and 65% of the total Indian airspace respectively.
- (d) & (e): Discussion with Indian Air Force on air safety measures have taken place from time to time including flexible use of airspace.