

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1138
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SHORTAGE OF SMALL AIRCRAFTS
DILEEP SANGHANI

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a shortage of smaller capacity aircrafts;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Kandla airport is capable of accepting only small capacity aircraft;
- (d) if so, whether the capacity of Kandla airport is likely to be increased to handle large aircrafts; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

- (a) and (b): The number of smaller capacity aircraft with Airlines as compared to larger capacity aircraft is far less. Smaller capacity aircraft, in general, have limited range and require higher fare structure in order that their operations become viable.
- (c): Yes, Sir. It is suitable for operation of 50 seater class of aircraft.
- (d) and (e): Airports Authority of India has no plans to upgrade Kandla airport due to lack of traffic demand.