

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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FLIGHTS FOR HAJ PILGRIMS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to increase the flights for the Haj Pilgrims during 2006;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has also received any demands in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details of additional aircraft proposed to be included by Air India to meet the requirements of Haj Pilgrims?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

- (a), (b) and (c): In view of the increase in quota of pilgrims for Haj 2006 from 82,000 to 1,00,000 the number of flights has been increased to meet the demand.
- (d): Air India proposes to induct additional aircraft on wet lease besides A310 aircraft from its own fleet for Haj operations 2006.