

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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FDI IN DOMESTIC PUBLIC AIRLINES

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that competition from private airlines has increased;
- (b) if so, the names of such airlines and the effect of competition on the domestic public airlines;
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to increase Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the domestic public airlines to counter the competition from private airlines;
- (d) if so, the details alongwith the amount of ceiling fixed by the Government; and
- (e) the time by which FDI would be allowed in domestic public airlines?

**Answer**

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

(a)and (b):- Yes, Sir. Apart from Indian Airlines and Alliance Air, Jet Airways, Air Sahara, Air Deccan, Spice Jet, Kingfisher Airlines, Paramount Airways and Go Air are also operating scheduled services on domestic routes. Though the increase in competition has affected Indian Airlines market share,the passengers have benefited from this increased competition through increased connectivity, better standards of services and lower tariffs.

(c):- No Sir.

(d) and (e):- Do not arise.