

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2435
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HELICOPTER SERVICE FOR N.E. REGION
Sugavanam Shri E.G.

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the helicopter services in operation in the North East region;
- (b) whether any ceiling has been fixed on the monthly flying hours;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether there is any proposal to increase the subsidy on air travel to North - East region; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a):-In the North East region, Pawan Hans Helicopters Limited (PHHL) has provided helicopters on long term lease to Government of Meghalaya, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh and Tripura. The regular passenger services are being run under the aegis of the respective State Governments as per their requirements.

(b) and (c):- The Ministry of Home Affairs has fixed the ceiling of flying hours for each state, which are 180 hours per month for Arunachal Pradesh, 60 hours per month for Meghalaya, 50 hours per month for Sikkim and 40 hours per month for Tripura.

(d):- No, Sir.

(e):- Does not arise.