

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:430
ANSWERED ON:24.11.2005
STRIKE AGAINST PRIVATISATION OF AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a strike was called recently by the various unions against privatisation;
- (b) if so, the number of flights cancelled and the loss of revenue suffered as a result thereof;
- (c) the details of demands raised by unions of various organizations; and
- (d) the action taken by the Government in this matter?

Answer

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

- (a) : Yes, Sir. Airports Authority of India Employees Joint Forum (AAIEJF) gave a call to AAI employees to join a country wide strike on 29.09.2005.
- (b) : All the flights that filed flight plan were accomodated. ATC Services were normal on that day.
- (c) : The Airports Authority of India Employees Joint Forum protested inter-alia against the modernisation and restructuring of airports through public private partnerships.
- (d) : Development of infrastructure through Public-Private Partnerships is a globally prevalent public policy instrument.