

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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DELAY OF INDIAN AIRLINES FLIGHTS  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether most of the Indian Airlines (IA) flights from New Delhi to different parts of the country never take off on time even during the clear weather;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure that the flights of IA take off on time?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b): Of about 46.8% flights delayed ex-Delhi during December, January, 2005-06, 3.6% were due to commercial and operational reasons. The remaining delays occurred due to various other reasons like adverse weather, airport restrictions, security concerns, bird hits etc. which were not within the control of Indian Airlines.

(c): All technical delays and cancellations are investigated and remedial action taken immediately. A meeting of the representatives of operating department at the regional level is held every day. At the base station, delays and cancellations are analyzed to identify repetitive nature of snags and special maintenance action is immediately taken. At the Headquarters level, the punctuality of services is monitored on a daily basis. Regular meetings are also held with the vendors or manufacturers for bringing an improvement in the product and systems. Representatives of Indian Airlines are also deputed from time to time to attend international conferences and seminars to update their knowledge.