

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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OPERATION OF SMALL AIRCRAFT ON REGIONAL ROUTES .
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any plan to encourage small airlines which are operating only small aircraft that too on regional routes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the airlines operating at present on regional routes with small aircraft;
- (d) the norms applicable at present on these airlines;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to change the existing norms;
- (f) if so, whether the changed norms will be applicable on helicopter services too; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a),(b),(d)and (e) :- At present there are no separate norms for airlines operating only small aircraft that too on regional routes. However, proposal to incentivise operations on regional routes/by regional airlines with small aircraft is under consideration of the Government.

(c):- At present , Air Deccan is providing scheduled air services on regional routes with ATR type of aircraft connecting small towns/cities, in addition to operating on trunk routes. Paramount Airways is also operating on regional routes in Southern India. Alliance Air has taken on lease four ATR42 aircraft and commenced scheduled operations in the North-East region w.e.f. 2.1.2003. These aircraft were deployed exclusively in North-East region under the terms of an MOU with the North-East Council.

(f) and (g):- At present Helicopters are not used for scheduled services. Hence, does not arise.