

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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GROWTH RATE OF PUBLIC SECTOR AIRLINES .
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether public sector airlines are under pressure due to the sharp decline in their growth rate in the recent months;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the percentage of decline in growth rate; and
- (c) the steps taken to prevent the decline in growth rate of public sector airlines?

Answer

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

(a),(b) and (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(a) and (b): There is no decline in the growth rate in case of Air India Limited. As regards, Indian Airlines Limited, though the total carriage of passengers has been increased during the last three years but it registered a growth of 15% in 2004-05 over 2003-04, 3.1% in 2005-06 over 2004-05 and 1.9% during 2006 (from April, 06 to July, 06) over corresponding period in 2005-06. It has not been able to keep pace with other Private carriers on domestic network as against the traffic growth, as indicated above because the growth in capacity during three years have been 7.4%, 6.1% and 2.4% respectively over the previous years. This is also evident from the table given below:-

Year	Capacity	Share %	Market	Share %
2003-04	43.6	40.5		
2004-05	41.8	38.1		
2005-06	32.1	29.4		
2006-07	24.7	22.8		
(April - June)				

(c): Government has already approved the proposal of Indian Airlines Limited to acquire 43 new aircraft which would be used to increase the capacity and phasing out of ageing fleet.