

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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LANDINGS AND TAKE-OFFS AT DELHI AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether aeroplanes have to wait for an hour to take-off from Delhi airport due to lack of space;
- (b) if so, whether Government have any plan to meet the shortage of runway space in the near future;
- (c) the extent to which the Airport Authority of India (AAI) has been able to meet the anticipated growth in air traffic in Delhi; and
- (d) the immediate steps likely to be taken to find ways to meet the demand of space for landings and take-offs at Delhi?

Answer

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

- (a) Delay happens to some flights during the period of bad weather (fog, thunder storm, dust storm etc.) and peak traffic periods and due to the bunching of flights.
- (b) Yes, Sir.
- (c) & (d) On an average during periods of two runway operations about 35-40 aircrafts land or take-off in one hour at Delhi airport. New procedures have been implemented to handle increased traffic by using both runways. Surface Movement Guidance and Control System (SMGCS) is used by Controllers to visualize the traffic conditions on ground during foggy weather. To meet the increased traffic demands action has been initiated for the construction of new runway, additional taxiways and parking bays.