

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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COMPETITION AMONGST AIRLINES  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is intense competition amongst the airlines in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has any plan to create a Corporate Vision and a strong middle management strategy for the future to handle the present situation; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a):- During the year 2005 and 2006 six new Schedule airlines commenced their operations and NOC for import of 136 aircraft in all was granted to Scheduled Airlines leading to higher competition amongst airline operator. With the entry of new schedule private airlines, the domestic passenger traffic has increased from 17.7 millions in the year 2004 to 32.2 millions in the year 2006.

(b) and (c):- Government owned airlines Air India and Indian Airlines have their own corporate vision and strategy to face the competition. The Private Airlines are free to chalk out their management strategies and business plans.