

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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CANCELLATION OF FLIGHTS IN N.E. REGION
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Alliance Air's airline operations in the North-East region were grounded for more than two days in February this year, but for non-fulfillment of some demands of the pilots;
- (b) if so, the details and the steps taken to resolve the same; and
- (c) the number of flights cancelled?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): The pilots of ATR-42 aircraft of Alliance Air started reporting sick collectively from the evening of 14th February, 2005 leading to cancellation of flights operated with this aircraft. Subsequently most of the sectors were operated by positioning two Boeing 737 aircraft at Kolkata one with effect from 16th and the other with effect from 18th February, 2005. The situation was normalized with effect from 19th February, 2005.

(c): Forty one (41) flights with ATR aircraft could not be operated from the evening of 14th February, 2005 upto 18th February, 2005.