

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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RESTRUCTURE OF AIRSPACE

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government is likely to lose about Rs.190 crore due to the opening up of a shorter and more economical routes by China in the coming years;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/to be taken to restructure its airspace and straighten out some of the most circuitous air routes of the world?

Answer

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

(a) Chinese airspace may be opened in future. However, the exact impact on revenue can not be determined as of now.

(b) China has recently opened three air routes through its airspace providing a shorter route between Hong Kong/ South East Asian airports and the airports in Europe. Some international airlines have started using these routes for their flights between Europe and Hong Kong.

(c) All possible efforts are being made by retaining the traffic of international overflights and loss of revenue by providing the most direct and shortest possible routes through the Indian airspace and by continuously pursuing for the release of reserved airspace for flexible use.