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Title: Delay of flights at Mumbai Airport.

**DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA (MUMBAI NORTH EAST):** 45% flights at Mumbai Airport have been delayed for the past three months. More than half of the flights have been delayed by almost one hour. It is due to giving preference to dozens of unscheduled private/ chartered flights which affect the scheduled flights. Not a single flight during a day during the last three months has been cancelled or diverted. It means that all the flights, scheduled flights are accommodated, but then also the passenger has to waste 60 minutes for every flight. The reason is mismanagement, inefficiency and preferred treatment to a selected few. A detailed study and action of Mumbai Airport and Mumbai ATC be undertaken immediately. Corrective measures must be taken to save the time, fuel cost and wear and tear of aircraft.