

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAJYA SABHA
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Low share of Indian domestic airlines in International traffic

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether Government is aware that Indian domestic airlines have a very low share in international traffic to and from India and if so, what are the specific reasons therefor; and
- (b) whether Government has taken any action on the report of the Economic Survey which has suggested a mix of protectionism for domestic airlines and liberal norms for flying abroad to bolster their share in international air traffic and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a): During the year 2017 the percentage share of international operation to/from India by Indian and foreign carriers are 39 and 61 respectively. The reason for low utilisation by Indian carriers are low fleet size and deployment of most of the aircrafts on domestic sectors.

(b): The policy for international operation is reviewed time to time and recently the flying norms for domestic carriers on international routes has been relaxed. Earlier the eligibility norm for international operations for domestic carriers was 5 years' experience on domestic sector and fleet size of 20 aircrafts. Now any airline of India having 20 aircrafts in fleet is eligible to operate on international sectors.
