

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 1284
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3rd July 2019)

AIRLINES SUFFERING DUE TO PAKISTAN'S AIRSPACE CLOSURE

1284. SHRI SANJAY RAUT

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Air India and other airlines are suffering heavily due to Pakistan's airspace closure since 27th February, 2019;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto;
- (c) whether Government is considering to resolve this crisis by diplomatic way; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Hardeep Singh Puri)

(a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Details of losses due to Pakistan's airspace closure incurred by Air India and other airlines viz. Indigo, Spicejet and Go Air are placed at Annexure. The airspace closure by Pakistan is a unilateral measure that followed the non-military counter terrorism air strike by the Indian Air Force against terror camp in Balakot, Pakistan in February, 2019. It is for Pakistan to decide.

Loss Due to Pakistan Airspace closure

Airlines	Loss (Rs. in Crore)
Air India (till 2 nd July, 2019)	491
Indigo (till 31 st May, 2019)	25.1
Spicejet (till 20th June, 2019)	30.73
Go Air (till 20 th June 2019)	2.1