

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 30  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025)**

**BOOSTING AVIATION MARKET**

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

- (a) whether airlines are grappling with flight cancellations, delays, crew shortages, poor service etc.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a number of aircrafts were unable to fly in the recent past due to supply chain, maintenance issues and safety concerns;
- (d) if so, the remedial steps taken in this regard;
- (e) whether lack of investment in advanced equipment is resulting in flights not being able to operate with Zero visibility; and
- (f) if so, the steps being taken to boost country's aviation market?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (f): Airlines face flight cancellations/delays due to reasons caused by bad weather/fog or other standard contingencies including supply chain issues on spares/components from vendors and OEMs (Original Equipment Manufacturer). A number of aircraft were unable to fly in the recent past due to supply chain, maintenance issues and safety concerns, for instance, A320 NEO family aircraft fitted with Pratt & Whitney (P&W) engines.

DGCA is continuously following up with P&W and advised them to consider the following on an emergent basis.

- i. Enhance their overall MRO capacity.
- ii. Create additional footprint by commissioning MRO(s), commensurate to their fleet in India.
- iii. Expand their vendor base of material and spares to minimize delays in turnaround time.
- iv. Suitably divert their available resources from production to overhaul/ repair of existing fleet.

Moreover, DGCA has permitted to import aircraft under wet lease provisions to increase the availability of operating aircraft to boost the aviation market.

Flights are able to operate with zero visibility in the following 6 airports in India where the Runway is certified for CAT III operations.

1. Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi
2. Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport, Lucknow
3. Jaipur International Airport
4. Sri Guru Ram Das Jee international Airport, Amritsar
5. Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport, Kolkata
6. Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru

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