

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 994
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 9th February 2026)

**INDIA'S PROJECTED SHARE IN GLOBAL AVIATION PASSENGER
TRAFFIC AND REVENUE**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that according to some estimates, 5.2 billion passengers are expected to take to the skies in 2026;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the global aviation industry is expected to generate USD 41 billion in net profits in 2026 with a 3.9 per cent net margin; and
- (c) if answers to 1 and 2 are "Yes", what does the Ministry forecast as India's civil aviation sector's share in passenger traffic and passenger revenue?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (c) : According to the IATA forecast released in December 2025, global air passenger traffic is expected to reach around 5.2 billion in 2026, while the aviation industry is projected to record net profits of USD 41 billion, corresponding to a net margin of 3.9%.

Based on current assessments and growth trends, India's civil aviation sector is expected to continue increasing its share in global passenger traffic and passenger revenue, consistent with the country's expanding role in air transport.
