

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA
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Use of Wi-Fi During Flights

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

- (a) whether the Government has given its approval for use of Wi-Fi during flights;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether it has been made clear that Wi-Fi signals do not interfere with communication between the crew and the Air Traffic Control which may jeopardize flight safety and if so, the details thereof;
(d) whether the security agencies had argued that risks arising out of onboard Wi-Fi include potential terrorists, hacking into the aircraft system and using them for their own purpose and if so, the details thereof; and
(e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

ANSWER

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(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) & (b) The approval given for Wi-Fi streaming (internal in-flight entertainment) is only for use of entertainment and not for communication.
(c) to (e) The Wi-Fi system (accepted vide supplemental type certificates) is independent of the aircraft system. Further, it is used for entertainment purposes only and not for communication.
