

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 4405
(To be answered on the 22nd March 2018)**

Growth in Air Passenger Traffic

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether more than 150 million passengers are expected to take flights from Indian airports in the next financial year, making the country the world's third largest aviation market for departures, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether airports in the country are expected to exceed their maximum structural capacity in the coming few years, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether aviation industry in the country holds major share of the total share of the airlines traffic in the South Asia region and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the country has the fastest growing domestic aviation market in the world, as per the International Air Transport Association (IATA), if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the domestic air passenger demand is growing year by year and if so, the details thereof and steps taken by the Government to meet the growing demand?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(Shri Jayant Sinha)

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- (a): The number of estimated departure passengers in India(both domestic and international) for the 2018-19 is about 171 million.
- (b): At present, the terminal capacity at all Indian airports is about 334 Million Passengers per Annum(MPPA) as against the demand of 265 Million Passengers during the year 2016-17. Upgradation and modernization of airports is a regular/continuous process based on current demand and forecasted traffic. Airports Authority of India (AAI) plans infrastructure well in advance to meet growing aviation demand. Presently, there are plans to

create additional capacity in AAI airports like Chennai, Srinagar, Pune, Dehradun, Lucknow, Managaluru, Jaipur, Goa, Agartala, Guwahati, Leh, Patna, Trichy, Vijayawada, Port Blair, Calicut, Trivandrum and Jabalpur with capital expenditure of Rs. 20000 Crores. Additional capacity will also be created in Joint Venture/ Private/ State Govt. airports like Delhi, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Cochin, Navi Mumbai, Pune (Greenfield), Mopa, Kannur, Sindhudurg and Shirdi .

(c): As per International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) estimates, Indian aviation industry holds major share (72.3%) of the total passenger traffic in the South Asia region in 2016. Share of other South Asian countries are: Afghanistan (1.2%), Bangladesh (14.4%), Bhutan (1.9%), Maldives (0.9%), Nepal (0.4%), Pakistan (5.8%) and Sri Lanka (3.2%).

(d): According to IATA report, for 2017, Indian domestic passenger market, in terms of Revenue Passenger Kilometers (RPK), has posted the fastest full year growth for the third year in a row (17.5%), followed by China (13.3%).

(e): The scheduled Domestic air passenger demand in terms of revenue passenger kilometre performed and percentage growth thereon for the last years viz 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 are attached as Annexure-I.

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Information on Part(e) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No: 4405 to be answered on
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Annexure-I

YEAR	REVENUE PASSENGERS KILOMETERS PERFORMED(DEMAND) ON SCHEDULED DOMESTIC SERVICES (IN MILLION)	% age growth
2012-13	56,739	
2013-14	59,139	4.23
2014-15	67,023	13.33
2015-16	80,966	20.80
2016-17	98,641	21.83

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