

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 627
(To be answered on the 13th December 2018)**

INDIA'S CIVIL AVIATION MARKET

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether India had become the 9th largest Civil Aviation market in the world and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether at present Civil Aviation Sector is on the verge of collapse due to accumulated losses of the sector and employees have not been paid their salaries and other dues;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the same;
- (d) if so, whether the aviation industry has submitted their charter of demands including high fuel costs, taxation policy in the sector etc.; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve the financial health of the Civil Aviation Sector?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a): As per Airports Council International's (ACI) Annual World traffic report - 2018 Edition, India's Civil Aviation market is at the fourth position in the world after United States, China and Japan.

(b) & (c): No such analysis has been carried out by this Ministry.

(d): Yes, Madam.

(e): The Government constantly responds to the needs and challenges faced by the airline industry and has taken several measures, including reduction of Central Excise Duty applicable on Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) from 14% to 11% w.e.f. 11th October, 2018 and rationalization of Goods and Service Tax (GST) provisions, with a view to revive the industry and ensure the long term viability and health of the Civil Aviation sector.