

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 838
(To be answered on the 7th February 2019)**

CANCELLATION OF FLIGHTS DUE TO FOG

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether a large number of domestic and international flights of various public and private sector airlines are delayed/cancelled due to dense fog during the current winter season, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the losses incurred by various airlines as a result thereof, airline-wise during the said period;**
- (c) whether there is a shortage of pilots in the country who are trained to fly under foggy condition and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;**
- (d) the total number of passengers who were severely affected by cancellation of these flights;**
- (e) whether any alternative arrangements were made for these passengers so that they can travel to their desired destination, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) A total of 22 flights were cancelled and 452 flights were delayed during Low Visibility Period(LVP) because of bad weather in Delhi for this season (as on 4th Feb, 2019).

(b) As per prevailing regulation, airlines are not required to submit the details of the losses incurred by them to this Ministry.

- (c) There is no shortage of trained pilots with scheduled airlines authorized to operate for ILS CAT II/ III operations.(Under foggy condition).
- (d) A total of 74067 passengers were affected due to flight cancellations attributed to fog for the month of November and December, 2018.
- (e) & (f) Airlines facilitated the affected passengers either with refund of their ticket or with re-scheduling of their flight or providing hotel accommodation or with compensation.
