

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. : 480
(To be answered on the 25th July 2019)**

CLOSURE OF PAKISTAN'S AIRSPACE

***480. SHRI A. GANESHAMURTHI**

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the closure of Pakistan's airspace following tensions related to the Pulwama suicide bombing has affected nearly 400 flights a day including international flight services of other countries and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has any plan to take up this issue at diplomatic level with Pakistan as ultimately passengers are at a loss with airlines passing on the higher operating costs and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

Minister of State (IC) in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(Shri Hardeep Singh Puri)

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement referred in reply to Part (a) to (c) of the Lok Sabha starred question no 480 regarding "Closure of Pakistan's Airspace" to be answered on 25.07.19

(a) Yes Sir, the closure of Pakistan airspace on 27th Feb. 2019 had affected around 600 flights that operate per day across India-Pakistan airspace boundary and these flights were re-routed through Arabian Sea Airspace.

(b) The Airspace restrictions that were put in place by Pakistan on February, 2019 have been lifted with effect from 16th July 2019.

(c) Does not arise.
