

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 256
(To be answered on the 8th December 2022)**

PROMOTION OF REGIONAL LANGUAGE DURING AIR JOURNEY

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government is aware that announcement for departure and arrival at airports as well as in-flight announcement are made in English and Hindi language only and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is also aware that the majority of the Indian commuters who use domestic and international routes are more conversant with their regional language instead of English and Hindi;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to make these announcements in regional languages for such commuters who do not know English or Hindi and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

(a) to (d): The announcement for departure and arrival at airports managed by Airports Authority of India (AAI) are made in local language followed by Hindi and English.

Various airlines such as M/s SpiceJet, M/s Air Asia and M/s Indigo make in-flight announcements in regional languages apart from Hindi and English. Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has issued advisories from time to time to use local languages while making in-flight announcement, to the extent feasible, other than English and Hindi without compromising on the safety of Operations or the core job functions of the crew members.
