

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 906
(To be answered on the 17th September 2020)**

DATA FOR AIR TRAVEL

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

जागर विमानतल मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has any data on people who got infected from a flight travel, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government intends to resume air and train travel in full swing while following all necessary covid protocols; and
- (c) the details of such analysis and study to take a data driven approach in Digital India?

ANSWER

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

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(Shri Hardeep Singh Puri)

(a) No Sir. Such data is not collected by this Ministry. Ministry of Civil Aviation has issued detailed general instructions and guidelines to be followed by the passengers and specific operating guidelines for major stakeholders (Airlines, Airports, Ground Handling Agencies, etc.). These guidelines specify certain safety measures, which include Protection kit to each passenger (Three layered masks, face shields and sanitizers), as the safety measures, to contain the transmission of COVID-19 during air travel. Further, High quality High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filters for recirculation of air are available in the aircrafts. Also, the duration of air travel is normally of limited hours. It is very difficult to ascertain the specific location of contracting of COVID-19, which may occur beyond the ecosystem of Civil Aviation

(b) Yes. Government of India has been reviewing recommencement of domestic operations keeping in view the prevailing COVID-19 situation and passenger demand for travel.

(c) No such analysis and study has been carried out by Directorate General of Civil Aviation.
