

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 693
(To be answered on the 21st July 2022)**

PLAYING OF INDIAN MUSIC IN AIRLINES

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the airlines in India often play only foreign music, which many passengers can neither understand nor enjoy and if so, the reasons therefor;**
- (b) whether the singers and music composers of various regional languages sought to play Indian classical or light vocal and instrumental music only to strengthen emotional connect of the people to our civilised traditions in music and arts and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) has also recommended Civil Aviation Ministry to make it mandatory to play Indian music for the country's airlines and airports; and**
- (d) if so, the present status thereof?**

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(a) to (d): Ministry of Civil Aviation has received a request from ICCR for playing Indian music in the aircrafts being operated in India and also at airports. Following this, Ministry has advised airlines and airport operators, on 27.12.2021, to consider playing Indian music.
