

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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CAPACITY CONSTRAINTS AT MAJOR METROPOLITAN AIRPORTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has assessed capacity constraints at major metropolitan airports arising from rapid passenger growth, particularly during peak hours and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the steps taken to improve slot optimisation, regional connectivity and passenger experience without escalating user charges?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a): At present, there is no capacity constraint at airports serving six metropolitan cities, viz. Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Hyderabad and Bengaluru.

(b): Ministry of Civil Aviation has formulated Guidelines for Slot Allocation for fair and transparent distribution of slots. Accordingly, Slot Allocation Committee meetings are held by Airport Operators twice a year for allocating the slots to airlines for the Summer and Winter Schedules. These schedules are available on the website of Directorate General of Civil Aviation. Since, slot allocation is a regular process held twice a year based on the Committee's meetings, unutilised slots, if any of a Schedule are reviewed/ addressed in the subsequent meetings and allocated to interested airlines.

Government has announced launch of the modified UDAN Scheme to increase regional connectivity to 120 new destinations across the country, and to cater to 4 crore passengers in the next 10 years.

Further, to enhance the passenger experience, airport operators undertake upgradation and expansion of terminal buildings including technology updation. The independent economic regulator i.e. Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India (AERA) reviews the capital expenditure incurred by the operators of major airports for such upgradation/expansion while determining airport tariff of those major airports to ensure reasonable user charges.
