

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 2731**  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022)

**RESTORATION OF FULL CAPACITY DOMESTIC AVIATION AT PAR  
WITH PRE-COVID PERIOD**

2731. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the domestic aviation industry is likely to return to the level of pre-COVID period soon as per the latest trend;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, including the number of maximum passengers flew on a single day in February/March 2022;
- (c) whether the airlines are still taking necessary precautions to avoid COVID infections in view of the latest prediction done by IIT, Kanpur and;
- (d) whether there is any possibility to restore international flights soon?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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

(a) & (b) The average number of the passenger carried in the pre-COVID financial year (2019-20) was around 4 lakh per day. On 13th March 2022, domestic airlines in India carried around 3.8 lakh passengers. It is expected that number of daily air passengers may cross pre-COVID levels during FY 2022-23.

(c) Yes Sir, the airlines are taking necessary precautions to check the COVID infections.

(d) The Government has decided to resume international passenger flight services with effect from 27th March 2022.

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