

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
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STEPS TO IMPROVE AIRPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Airlines have missed the global top 10 rankings for on-time performance, according to recent reports from global aviation industry analysis;
- (b) if so, the details of the Indian Airlines' performance 2024, and reasons for lower on-time performance; and
- (c) the details of the steps taken by Government to improve airport infrastructure to handle increasing volume of air traffic and to boost on-time performance of Indian carriers, details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) & (b): Flights get occasionally delayed due to various extraordinary reasons like weather, technical, operational, ATC, ramp, airport issues, reactionary, etc. effecting the airline on-time performance (OTP).

The airline wise OTP of major scheduled domestic airlines submitted by four metros airports (i.e Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore and Hyderabad) as part of monthly submission of traffic data for the month of Dec, 2024 is : Indigo- 73.4%, Akasa Air- 62.7%, Air India(includes Air India Express)- 67.6% and Spice Jet- 61.5%.

(c): Modernisation and development of infrastructure facilities at the airports is a continuous process and is undertaken on the passenger demand forecast, operational requirements for safety of aircraft operation and demand from airlines. Development works are taken up in a phased manner depending upon availability of land and viability, as well as other facilities with reference to intended aircraft operations.

To improve the aviation infrastructure and to facilitate the air passengers in the country, Airport Authority of India (AAI) under Ministry of Civil Aviation had

embarked upon a CAPEX plan of Rs. 25000 Crores during 5 years (2020-25) for development / upgradation / modernization of various airports in the country to meet the requirement of Air traffic / passenger's growth. Out of the planned expenditure, AAI has spent around Rs. 23,000 Crores during FY 2020-24.

Further, AAI has prepared Master Plan for AAI Airports up to the year 2047 based on the traffic projections. Commencement of the construction of infrastructures i.e. Runway extension, Apron expansion, Terminal building etc.
