

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
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STEPS TO HANDLE HIGH VOLUME OF AIR TRAFFIC

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

(a): whether it is a fact that India has a high volume of air traffic, leading to delays, especially at major airports like Delhi, Mumbai and Bengaluru;

(b): whether the Indian carriers, while making strides in punctuality, still lag behind their global peers in terms of on-time performance and failed to secure a spot in the top 10 global rankings;

(c): if so, the details thereof and improvement by the Government to improve on-time performance; give details?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (b) : Flights get delayed occasionally due to various extraordinary reasons like weather, technical, operational, ATC, ramp, airport issues, reactionary etc. 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 December, 2024 is: Indigo- 73.4%, Akasa Air- 62.7%, Air India(includes Air India Express)- 67.6% and Spice Jet- 61.5%.

(c): In order to ensure adherence of the flight schedules by the airlines and to mitigate flight delays, DGCA has issued Air Transport Circular 05 of 2017, titled "Procedure to be followed to mitigate flight delays".

In addition, AAI has established Central Air Traffic Flow Management (ATFM) unit in Delhi in the year 2017 with Flow Management Position Pan India. ATFM monitors the traffic at different airports of India. In case of any disruptions due to poor visibility conditions during winter season, flow control measures are implemented to address any Demand and Capacity imbalance.

Further, Airport- Collaborative Decision-Making mechanism is established, with the participation of all stakeholders, to regulate and manage the situation at the respective airports. Also, AAI monitors the on-time performance of flights at AAI major Airports and periodically takes up the matter with airlines for necessary improvement.
