

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1311
(To be answered on the 27th July 2023)**

AIR ROUTES FROM NANDED TO OTHER CITIES

1311. SHRI PRATAPRAO PATIL CHIKHLIKAR

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government proposes to resume flight services on Nanded-Amritsar-Mumbai and Nanded-Delhi routes;**
(b) if so, the details thereof and the timeline decided in this regard;
(c) whether the resumption of flight services on the said routes has been unduly delayed even after lifting of COVID protocols restrictions and demand by passengers and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

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

(a) to (c): Air India was operating flights from Nanded to Amritsar (Dec 2017 onwards) and Delhi (Dec 2018 onwards) with intermittent suspensions. It discontinued these flights in Oct 2021 and operated Amritsar-Nanded-Mumbai till March 2022. Air India discontinued these flights due to commercial considerations and aircraft availability issues. Thereafter, there have been no scheduled operations from Nanded Airport.

With the repeal of Air Corporation Act in March 1994, the Indian domestic aviation sector has been deregulated. Airlines are free to select whatever markets and network they wish to service. Hence, it is up to the airline operator for introduction of air services to / from any airport in country depending on their operational & commercial viability.
