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Need to introduce new domestic and international flights from Vijayawada International Airport

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Vijayawada is an international airport but connectivity even to domestic destinations from Vijayawada is poor. So, people are finding it extremely difficult to reach their destinations. There is demand for new flights to Mumbai and Varanasi from Vijayawada, change in the timings of flights to Visakhapatnam and also adding of two more daily services, since people from Vijayawada and other parts of Andhra Pradesh are using air services extensively to reach Visakhapatnam. Secondly, additional flight is needed to Delhi, since more and more passengers are travelling to Delhi from Vijayawada. Being an international airport, we should optimally utilize infrastructure available for international destinations. Of course, there are some flights to some destinations, but more flights are needed to destinations where there is demand. There is demand for Sri Lanka, Thailand along with need to increase Sharjah flights twice a week instead of only one flight in a week. I request the Hon'ble Minister of Civil Aviation to consider the above and do the needful.

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