

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION**  
**Lok Sabha**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 598**  
**( TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 25th July 2024 )**  
**REDUCTION IN FLIGHT SERVICES**

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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) whether the Ministry can provide data on the number of flights operating to and from Kerala during the last five years and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (b) the reasons for the consistent reduction in the number of flights from various airports of Kerala, particularly from Kozhikode and Kannur airports?**

**ANSWER**

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri Murlidhar Mohol)**

**(a): The details of the flights operating to and from airports in the State of Kerala during the last five years is attached as Annexure.;**

**(b): With the repeal of the Air Corporation Act in March 1994, Indian domestic aviation has been deregulated. With the repeal of Air Corporation Act in March 1994, the Indian domestic aviation has been**

**deregulated. Consequently, Airlines are free to induct capacity with any aircraft type, free to select whatever markets and network they wish to service subject to the compliance of Route Dispersal Guidelines (RDGs) issued by the Government. It is up to the airline operators to introduce and operate air services to / from any airport in the country depending on their operational and commercial viabilities.**

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Annexure

**Number of Flights Operating to/from Kerala during the last 5 years**

Airport	2019-2020			2020-2021			2021-2022			2022-2023			2023-2024		
	Intern ational	Domes tic	Total	Intern ationa l	Domes tic	Total	Intern ationa l	Domes tic	Total	Intern ationa l	Domes tic	Total	Intern ational	Domes tic	Total
KANNUR (KIAL)	5389	9742	15131	2321	3985	6306	4136	5674	9810	6233	5791	12024	5002	5969	10971
KOCHI	27261	38845	66106	8109	16803	24912	17457	22929	40386	25724	32554	58278	29502	37967	67469
KOZHIKODE	18660	6695	25355	5611	3327	8938	10697	4311	15008	16780	6362	23142	17960	6458	24418
THIRUVANA NTHAPURA M	14812	14030	28842	4202	5111	9313	8346	7010	15356	12324	12270	24594	13216	16925	30141
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>66122</b>	<b>69312</b>	<b>135434</b>	<b>20243</b>	<b>29226</b>	<b>49469</b>	<b>40636</b>	<b>39924</b>	<b>80560</b>	<b>61061</b>	<b>56977</b>	<b>118038</b>	<b>65680</b>	<b>67319</b>	<b>132999</b>

Note-In Aircraft Movements, landing and take-off of an aircraft are counted separately i.e., one landing and one take-off are counted as two movements.