

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3255

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PERMISSION TO FOREIGN AIRLINES TO OPERATE FLIGHTS FROM COCHIN

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have given permission to various foreign airlines to operate international flights from Nedumbasseri Airport, Cochin to different international sector as announced by Hon`ble Prime Minister in his Kumarakom Package;

(b) if so, the number of foreign airlines approached his Ministry for the clearance; and

(c) the details of airlines given such permission?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Oman Air, Silk Air, Kuwait Airways, Emirates, Yemen Airways, Qatar Airway, Saudia, Gulf Air, Sri Lankan Airlines, Aeroflot and Uzbekistan Airways have approached this Ministry seeking clearance for operating flights to/from Cochin.

(c) Cochin has been granted as a point of call to Oman Air and Silk Air(Singapore). Apart from this Emirates Airline of Dubai has also been granted access to Cochin effective September, 2002.