

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6873
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RESTORATION OF AIR SERVICES FROM GORAKHPUR AIRPORT
BABBAN RAJBHAR

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether flights operation has been discontinued from Gorakhpur Airport located between Lumbini, the birthplace of Lord Buddha and Kushinagar frequented by large number of followers of Lord Buddha;
- (b) if so, whether the Government propose to restore the air services at this airport in view of the tourists visiting the said places; and
- (c) if so, the time by which the air services from Gorakhpur is likely to be restored?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a),(b) and (c): Indian Airlines was operating twice a week service on Delhi-Kanpur- Gorakhpur-Delhi sector till May, 1992. The average passenger carriage between Delhi and Gorakhpur was about 20 passengers per flight. This service was, therefore, withdrawn due to inadequate passenger demand.
At present, Indian Airlines has no plans to restore the service due to capacity constraints.