

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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AIRLINK FOR BHOPAL AND INDORE
LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of industrial houses and air passengers have demanded for linking the Madhya Pradesh capital Bhopal and the commercial city Indore with Raipur, Jaipur, Udaipur and Ahmedabad through air routes; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a) and (b): There have been some requests for connecting cities of Madhya Pradesh with destinations like Raipur, Jaipur, Udaipur and Ahmedabad etc. by air services. The aircraft in the fleet of Indian Airlines are fully committed in providing of services in the existing schedule. Indian Airlines has no plans to link Bhopal and Indore with Raipur, Jaipur, Udaipur and Ahmedabad. However, Government has laid down Route Dispersal Guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of the different regions of the country including north-east region. It is, however, upto the airlines to provide services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability subject to compliance of Route Dispersal Guidelines issued by Government.