

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4305
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HELICOPTER SERVICE TO HOLY PLACES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of important holy places for which helicopter services are presently exists in the country;
- (b) whether any proposal to extend the helicopter services to other important religious and hill temples is under consideration of the Government;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the services are likely to be introduced; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

- (a):- Vaishno Devi, Kedarnath, Badrinath and Amarnath shrines are being provided helicopter services by various operators.
- (b),(c) and (d):- The operators are free to provide helicopter services to other religious places as per their commercial judgement subject to obtaining requisite clearance from the concerned State Governments and religious Trusts manning the shrines, as may be required.