GOVERNMENT OF INDIA CIVIL AVIATION LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1289 ANSWERED ON:02.03.2006 FREQUENCY OF FLIGHTS TO BHUBANESWAR Nayak Shri Ananta

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to increase the frequency of flights to Bhubaneswar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): No, Sir. Bhubaneswar is already well connected by regular air services of Indian Airlines and Alliance Air as under:-

Hyerabad-Bhubaneshwar-Kolkata & vv Two weekly B-737
Kolkata-Bhubaneswar-Chennai & vv Three weekly B-737
Delhi-Bhubaneswar-Delhi Daily A-320
Mumbai-Raipur-Bhubaneswar-Mumbai Daily A-320

Besides, Sahara Airlines and Deccan Air are operating a daily flight each on Hyderabad-Bhubaneswar-Hyerabad and Kolkata-Bhubaneswar- Kolkata sectors respectively. During the Summer Schedule 2006 effective 27.3.2006, Kingfisher Airlines proposes to commence twice daily flight on the Kolkata-Bhubaneswar- Kolkata sector.

Government has also laid down route dispersal guidelines. Airlines are free to provide air services to any place depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability and subject to compliance of route dispersal guidelines.

(c): The existing fleet of Indian Airlines/ Alliance Air is fully committed in the operation of services in the existing schedule and no spare capacity is available.