

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1352
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DIRECT FLIGHT BETWEEN BHUBANESWAR AND BANGALORE .
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to introduce a direct flight between Bhubaneswar and Bangalore;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be introduced?

Answer

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

(a), (b) and (c):- Indian Airlines has no plans to introduce direct flights between Bhubaneshwar and Bangalore as the existing traffic potential is not sufficient to support commercially viable operations with the type of aircraft in Indian Airlines fleet. 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 different regions of the country including North-East region. It is, however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. As such, the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of route dispersal guidelines issued by Government.