

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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AIR SERVICES FOR LEH .  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of flights being operated by the Indian Airlines and the Private Airlines on Delhi-Leh, Jammu-Leh and Srinagar-Leh sectors everyday;
- (b) whether there is any demand for operation of more flights on these sectors;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a),(b),(c) and (d):- At present, the details of air services on Delhi-Leh, Jammu-Leh and Srinagar-Leh are as follows:

Indian Airlines

Delhi-Leh-Srinagar-Delhi	1 flight/week
Delhi-Srinagar-Leh-Delhi	1 flight/week
Delhi-Leh-Delhi (army charter)	3 flights/week
Delhi-Leh-Jammu-Delhi	2 flights/week
Delhi-Jammu-Leh-Delhi	2 flights/week

Jet Airways

Delhi-Leh-Delhi	6 flights/week
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In addition, Indian Airlines and Jet Airways had been operating additional flights to/from Leh depending upon the traffic demand, like Sindhu Darshan, etc.

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.