

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:379  
ANSWERED ON:20.08.2004  
OPENING OF SMALL AIRPORTS  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any survey to find possibilities of opening small Airports in the country to link local areas with State capitals;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of new air routes started during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise and those proposed for 2004-05;
- (d) whether any special focus including the number of aircraft has been given to link North-Eastern sector with rest of the country by air;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) the action taken/proposed in this regard;
- (g) whether refreshments served to passengers on the North-Eastern sector are not of standard quality; and
- (h) if so, the details thereof including the action taken thereon?

**Answer**

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

(a),(b),(c),(d),(e),(f),(g) and (h):- A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (A),(B),(C),(D),(E),(F),(G) and (H) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 379 DATED 20.8.2004 REGARDING OPENING OF SMALL AIRPORTS.

(a):- No, Sir.

(b):- Does Not arise.

(c):-Details of the new air route started by domestic scheduled airlines during the last three years are given as under:-

Indian Airlines and Alliance Air	Annexure-I
Jet Airways and	Annexure-II
Sahara Airlines	Annexure-III
Deccan Aviation	Annexure-IV

(d),(e) and (f):- 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-Eastern region. As per the guidelines the scheduled operators are required to deploy on routes in category-II(which includes states in North-East region, Jammu and Kashmir, Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep) atleast 10% of the capacity they deploy on routes in category-I (Trunk Route) and of the capacity deployed on category-II routes, at least 10% would be deployed on services or segments thereof operated exclusively within the North-Eastern region, Jammu & Kashmir, Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep.

Alliance Air has inducted four ATR42 turbo-prop aircraft for deployment exclusively to/from/within the North-East region. One of the ATRs has now been positioned at Guwahati, with effect from 28.7.2004.

(g):- No, Sir.

(h):- Does not arise.

Annexure-I

INDIAN AIRLINES LIMITED

LIST OF STATES WHERE CURRENTLY OPERATIONAL NEW LINKS HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED ON DOMESTIC NETWORK DURING THE YEARS 2001-2004.

STATE NEW LINK DATE OF INTRODUCTION

Andhra Pradesh Raipur-Vizag 26/10/2003

Assam Guwahati-Silchar 21/1/02  
Guwahati-Lilabari 9/10/02  
Guwahati-Dimapur 2/1/03  
Guwahati-Aizawl 5/4/03  
Agartala-Silchar 15/4/03  
Shillong-Silchar 28/7/04

Bihar Kolkata-Gaya 18/12/02

Chhattisgarh Raipur-Vizag 26/10/03  
Raipur-Chennai 26/10/03

Maharashtra Mumbai-Jaipur (Non-stop) 12/2/02  
Mumbai-Pune 31/3/02  
Mumbai-Chandigarh 27/10/02

Meghalaya Kolkata-Shillong 7/4/03  
Shillong-Aizawl 28/7/04  
Shillong-Silchar 28/7/04

Nagaland Guwahati-Dimapur 2/1/03

Mizoram Guwahati-Aizawl 5/4/03  
Shillong-Aizawl 28/7/04

Rajasthan Mumbai-Jaipur (Non-stop) 12/2/02

Tamil Nadu Raipur-Chennai 26/10/03

Tripura Agartala-Silchar 15/4/03

West Bengal Kolkata-Gaya 18/12/02  
Kolkata-Shillong 7/4/03

SECTORS INTRODUCED BY JET AIRWAYS DURING LAST THREE YEARS

2001-2002

No. Sector	Frequency
1. Kolkata-Bhubaneshwar-Kolkata (#)	2 Flights/week
2. Kolkata-Bhubaneshwar-Bangalore & Return (#)	3 Flights/week
3. Kolkata-Bhubaneshra-Chennai & Return (#)	2 Flights/week
4. Guwahati- Imphal-Guwahati	5 Flights/week
5. Delhi-Leh-Delhi	Daily
6. Jorhat-Guwahati-Jorhat (\$)	2 Flights/week
7. Mumbai-Jodhpur-Mumbai	Daily
8. Mumbai-Bhopal-Mumbai	Daily
9. Mumbai-Kolhapur-Mumbai (#)	Daily
10. Delhi-Ludhiana-Delhi (#)	Daily
11. Mumbai-Nagpur-Mumbai	Daily
12. Delhi-Udaipur-Delhi	Daily
13. Delhi-Vadodara-Delhi	Daily
14. Delhi-Jodhpur- Delhi (#)	Daily
15. Delhi-Bhubaneshwar-Delhi (#)	Daily
16. Chennai-Madurai-Chennai	Daily
17. Chennai-Mangalore-Chemlai (#)	Daily

(#) Sectors have since been discontinued.  
(\$) Re-routed in 2002-2003

2002-2003

No. Sector	Frequency
1. Pune-Goa-Pune (#)	Daily
2. Guwahati-Jorhat-Guwahati (\$)	2 Flights/week

(#) Sector has since been discontinued  
(\$) Re-routed

2003-2004

No. Sector	Frequency
1. Delhi-Indore- Bhopal- Delhi	Daily
2. Delhi-Goa-Delhi (#)	Daily
3. Delhi-Bhopal-Indore-Delhi	6 Flights/week

4. Delhi -Jodhpur-Delhi      Daily
5. Kolkata- Bangalore- Kolkata      Daily
6. Kolkata-Agartala-Guwahati & Return      4 Flights/week
- 7 Kolkata- Agartala- Kolkata      3 Flights/week
8. Kolkata-Jorhat-Kolkata      2 Flights/week
9. Kolkata- Imphal-Kolkata      1 Flight/week

(#) Sector has since been discontinued

2004-2005 (April-Aug)

No. Sector      Frequency

1. Delhi-Patna-Delhi      Daily

No new city pairs proposed to be inducted during 2004-2005 as of now

Annexure - III

SECTORS INTRODUCED BY SAHARA AIRLINES DURING LAST THREE YEARS

2001-2002

No. Sector      Frequency

1. Kolkata-Hyderabad-Bangalore & Return      Daily
2. Delhi - Pune- Delhi -      Daily
3. Mumbai-Pune-Mumbai      Daily

2002-2003

No. Sector      Frequency

1. Kolkata-Gorakhpur-Kolkata      4 Flights/week
2. Kolkata-Allahabad-Kolkata      3 Flights/week
3. Lucknow-Gorakhpur- Lucknow      4 Flights/week

4. Lucknow-Allahabad-Lucknow 3 Flights/week

5. Kolkata-Guwahati-Kolkata Daily

2003-2004

No. Sector Frequency

1. Mumbai-Cochin-Mumbai Daily

2. Mumbai -Coimbatore-Mumbai Daily

3. Pune-Bangalore-Pune Daily

4. Hyderabad-Pune-Hyderabad Daily

5. Mumbai-Patna-Panchi-Mumbai Daily

6. Kolkata- Bhubaneshwar-Kolkata Daily

7 Mumbai- Bhubaneshwar-Mumbai Daily

8. Goa- Bangalore-Goa Daily

9. Chennai-Coimbatore-Chennai Daily

10. Mumbai-Ahmedabad-Mumbai Daily

11. Delhi-Ahmedabad-Delhi Daily

12. Delhi-Jaipur-Delhi Daily

13. Chennai-Kolkata-Chennai Daily

14. Delhi- Hyderabad- Delhi Daily

2004-05 (till Date)

No. Sector Frequency

1. Delhi -Srinagar- Delhi Daily

Sahara Airlines proposes to introduce flight on Mumbai- Trivandrum-Mumbai sector in early 2005

Annexure - IV NEW ROUTES ADDED BY AIR DECCAN IN 2003-04

No. Sector Frequency

1. Bangalore-Hubli-Bangalore Daily

2. Bangalore- Mangalore- Bangalore Daily

3. Chennai-Hyderabad-Chennai Daily

4. Chennai-Coimbatore-Chennai Twice Daily

5. Bangalore-Coimbatore- Bangalore Twice Daily  
6. Bangalore-Chennai - Bangalore Thrice Daily  
7 Bangalore- Belgaum-Bangalore Daily

8. Belgaum-Mumbai -Belgaum Daily

9.. Mumbai-Goa-Mumbai Daily  
10. Bangalore-Goa- Bangalore Daily  
11. Bangalore- Hyderabad- Bangalore Twice Daily  
12. Hyderabad- Vijayawada- Hyderabad Daily  
13. Chennai-Madurai-Chennai Daily

NEW ROUTES ADDED BY AIR DECCAN IN 2004-05 (TILL DATE)

No. Sector Frequency

1. Bangalore- Belgaum- Hubli- Bangalore Daily

2. Hyderabad- Tirupati-Hyderabad Daily

3. Hyderabad- Vizag-Hyderabad Daily

4. Mumbai-Ahmedabad-Mumbai Twice Daily

5. Mumbai- V adodara-Mumbai Twice Daily

6. Mumbai -Bhavnagar-Mumbai Daily

7 Mumbai-Kohlapur-Belgaum- Mumbai Daily

NEW ROUTES PROPOSED BY AIR DECCAN IN 2004-05 EFFECTIVE 25.8.2004

No. Sector Frequency

1. Hyderabad-Delhi -Hyderabad Daily

2. Delhi-Guwahati - Bagdogra- Delhi 2 Flights/week

3. Delhi - Bagdogra-Guwahati -Delhi 2 Flights/week

4. Delhi-Guwahati-Delhi 3 Flights/week

5. Chennai- Delhi -Chennai Daily

6. Delhi-Ahmedabad-Mumbai & Return Daily

7 Bangalore-Delhi - Bangalore Daily

8. Delhi -Mumbai-Delhi Daily

9. Mumbai- Bangalore-Mumbai Daily