

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2482
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FLIGHT OPERATIONS TO SALEM AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the State Government of Tamil Nadu has requested the Union Government for resumption of flight operations to Salem Airport with connectivity to Bangalore, Mumbai and other major destinations in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the air services are likely to be provided?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Request has been received from Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in this regard.

(c): In Indian Airlines estimate, the traffic potential to/from Salem and Chennai/Bangalore/Mumbai/other major destinations in the country is not sufficient to support commercially viable operations with jet type of aircraft available in Indian Airlines' fleet. The smaller aircraft available with Indian Airlines/Alliance Air are deployed to capacity on other scheduled routes and no spare capacity is available. As such at present Indian Airlines/ Alliance Air is not in a position to consider any service to/ from Salem.