

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS FROM BANGALORE
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the efforts made/being made to operate direct flights from Bangalore to major cities of the world; and
- (b) the status of such efforts and proposal?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): During the bilateral air services consultations held between January, 2007 to January, 2008, Bangalore has been granted as point of call to the designated airlines of Kuwait, UAE (Sharjah), Saudi Arabia and Oman. In addition, SAARC countries have also been granted Bangalore as a point of call in India. Actual operations to/from a particular airport depends on commercial decision of the airlines. At present, Air India and 10 foreign carriers are operating 22 and 71 services/week respectively to/from Bangalore.