

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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AVIATION FACILITIES AT SURAT AIRPORT

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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the scheduled flights operated at surat airport at present;
- (b) the future planning to increase number of flights and air connectivity from surat airport;
- (c) the major cities directly connected by air with Surat airport;
- (d) the cities to be linked by direct air connectivity with surat airport by the end of year 2008; and
- (e) the time by which the terminal building of the surat airport will become operational for all purposes?

**Answer**

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

(a),(b),(c) &(d) At present, Delhi and Ahmedabad are air linked with Surat airport as per the details given below:

Indian Airlines  
Delhi-Surat-Delhi 4 flights/week

Kingfisher Airlines  
Ahmedabad-Surat-Ahmedabad Daily

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.

(e) Part Terminal Building has been put into operation from 6.5.2007. The Terminal Building Phase-I shall be fully operational from April, 2008.