

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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MADURA-COLOMBO-SINGAPORE FLIGHT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a proposal for introduction of flight between Madurai - Colombo, Madurai - Singapore and Hyderabad - London is under consideration;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether British Airways has submitted a proposal for direct flight from Hyderabad to London;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a),(b)&(c):- Madurai is not presently available as a point of call to the designated airlines of Sri Lanka and Singapore. Indian Airlines and Air India do not have any plans to operate on Madurai-Colombo and Madurai-Singapore sectors at present. Hyderabad is also not available as a point of call to the designated airlines of United Kingdom. Although Air India has no direct flight from Hyderabad to London, seamless transfers over Mumbai are available with their hub and spoke flights from Hyderabad.

(d),(e)and(f):-During the last round of bilateral civil aviation consultations between India and United Kingdom held in January,2004, British delegation requested for Hyderabad as an additional point for their designated carriers. However, the negotiations ended inconclusively.