

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:510
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AIR CONNECTIVITY TO REMOTE AREAS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether efforts are being made by the Government to connect the remote and inaccessible areas of Karnataka with helicopter services to the capital of the State and other parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) and (b):- No, Madam. However, Pawan Hans Helicopters Ltd. (PHHL) is providing helicopter services to State Govts. on long term lease basis for remote and inaccessible areas. If, any State Govt. desires to take the helicopter services from PHHL on long term lease, PHHL would endeavour to meet State Govt's requirement of transportation of VIPs/Officials, heli-tourism etc. at mutually agreed rates, terms and conditions.

(c) and (d):- In view of the above, do not arise.