

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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OPERATION ON FLIGHTS AT RAJKOT AND SURAT AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of scheduled flights are operating from Rajkot and Surat airport to major air-routes as on date;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any proposal is under consideration to operate regular flights from Rajkot to Surat-Delhi-Raipur-Nagpur- Calcutta and Ahmedabad to enhance connectivity; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a)& (b):- At present, the details of scheduled air services to/from Rajkot and Surat are as follows:

Rajkot

NACIL Mumbai-Rajkot-Mumbai Daily

Jet Airways Mumbai-Rajkot-Mumbai Twice daily

Surat

Alliance Air Delhi-Surat-Delhi 06 Flights/week

(c) and (d):- No Madam. However, 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. It is, however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability.