

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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DISCONTINUATION OF FLIGHTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether operation of certain flights of Air India and other airlines from Ludhiana and Nanded airports have been discontinued;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the time by which the flight operations are proposed to be resumed at the above said airports?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): No, Sir. No scheduled airline has started operating air service to Ludhiana so far. As regards Nanded, Kingfisher Airlines is operating scheduled air service on the sector Mumbai-Nanded-Latur-Mumbai (thrice in a week). Air India had operated 7 services during 29-10-2008 to 04-11-2008 on the Amritsar-Delhi-Nanded & v.v. route to enable the pilgrims to travel to/from Nanded to attend the tricentenary celebrations. However, Air India does not have any plans to introduce regular scheduled air services to/from Nanded.

(c): Domestic airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of the route dispersal guidelines issued by the Government and depending upon the traffic demand and their own commercial viability.