

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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FLIGHTS TO GULF REGION
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether one of the persisting major grievances of Non-Resident Keralites in the Gulf region is the lack of adequate number of flights from that region to Kerala during the festival seasons;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is aware of this problem;
- (c) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) the time by which more flights will be introduced especially during festival/vacation seasons to and from Kerala?

Answer

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

(a)and(b): From time to time representations have been received from non-resident Indian bodies, State Governments and passengers for increase of passenger flights from the Gulf Region to Kerala.

(c) and (d): The designated airlines of foreign countries and Indian carriers presently operate 170 and 176 services/week respectively from airports in Kerala to the Gulf Region. During the festival season, extra section flights on the Gulf - Kerala sector are operated to meet the increased demand.