

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4271
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HELICOPTER SERVICES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Pawan Hans Helicopters Limited (PHHL) is planning to start its services to various pilgrimage spots of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of pilgrimage spots in the State of Tamil Nadu to be covered by PHHL; and
- (d) the time by which such helicopter services will start operating?

Answer

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

(a) and (b):- Pawan Hans Helicopters Limited (PHHL) is already operating passenger services from Augustmuni to Kedarnath and Badrinath Dham twice in a year (May - June and September - October), helicopter from Mata Vaishnodevi Shrine from Katra and PHHL has also started regular passenger services with effect from 01-07-2010 on Baltal-Panjtarni sector for the Amarnath Dham. PHHL has also approached the Utrakhand government for connecting important tourist/religious places such as Ghagharia & Hemkund Sahib.

(c) and (d):- PHHL has no proposal presently to cover pilgrimage spots in Tamil Nadu.