

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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AIR SERVICES TO TOURIST DESTINATIONS  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is planning to provide air services on Short-Haul routes covering major tourist destinations and major Urban cities covering a distance of 200-300 Kms;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether private sector airlines would be given an incentive package to start services on these Short-Haul routes; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b): At present, scheduled air services are available to/from 82 airports, which include tourist destinations also.

Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has issued Civil Aviation Requirements for Scheduled regional air transport service with a view to promote air connectivity within a region, expand air travel services for Tier II and Tier III cities and between specific regions.

Government has laid down route dispersal guidelines with a view to achieving better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different services of different regions of the country including North-East region. It is, however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability while complying with the Route Dispersal Guidelines.

(c) and (d): No incentive package is under consideration with the Government at present for private airline to start air services on Short-Haul routes.