

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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REVIVAL OF VAYUDOOT AIRLINES

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Aviation Company of the Limited (NACIL) has plans to revive the defunct Vayudoot airlines in order to improve connectivity to small cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the NACIL is likely to operate from small towns of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand and connect the pilgrimage centres; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the sectors likely to be covered by the Vayudoot airlines?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): No such proposal is pending with the Government. However, the Board of Directors of Vayudoot Limited in its meeting held on 29.9.2010 recommended that NACIL may initiate a study to look into the feasibility of starting operations and maintenance of smaller capacity aircraft to Tier-IV cities.

(c) and (d): Air India and its subsidiaries operate flights to/from smaller centres like Allahabad, Gaya, Jabalpur, Khajuraho, Manglore, Raipur, Ranchi and other locations. Air India is examining the commercial viability of more sectors to be operated in tier II and III cities.