

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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PROPOSAL TO CONNECT DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS WITH KOLKATA

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to connect various district headquarters through Air routes with Kolkata;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether an initiative to open a civil air operation from a part of Kalaikunda Airport under IAF is also under consideration;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS & MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) and (b):- 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 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 Route Dispersal Guidelines.

(c) to (e):- Airports Authority of India has not received any request from any airline to commence operations from Kalaikunda airport in West Bengal which is under the control of Indian Air Force (IAF).