

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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DIRECT FLIGHT SERVICE TO EUROPE AND USA
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any direct international flight to Europe and USA is being operated from Kolkata airport;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to start direct flights to Europe and USA from Kolkata airport; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) and (d): Kolkata is available as a point of call to USA and to 13 European countries. As far as Indian carriers are concerned, they are free to mount services to foreign destinations from any point in India including Kolkata in accordance with the respective bilateral air services arrangements. However, actual operations by any airlines are always decided by its own commercial judgement.