

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS BY PRIVATE AIRLINES

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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether any mandatory clearance is required for private airlines for operating in international sectors;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether some private airlines have been recently given permission to start international operations in certain sectors after fulfilling the said criteria; and
- (d) if so, the details of the sectors, airline-wise?

**Answer**

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

a): Yes, Madam.

(b): As per the existing guidelines stipulated for international operations, the Indian scheduled carriers having continuous operations of at least 5 years in the domestic sectors and having a minimum fleet size of 20 aircraft are permitted to operate on international routes.

(c) and (d): As per the above guidelines, IndiGo Airlines has been granted permission recently to operate on international sectors.