

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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BIGGER AIRCRAFT AT PANT NAGAR AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposals for starting bigger aircraft at the Pant Nagar Airport;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon; and
- (c) the time by which the bigger aircraft will start flying from the above airport?

Answer

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

(a), (b) & (c) Pantnagar Airport in Uttarakhand is an operational airport belonging to Airports Authority of India (AAI), having a runway length 4500 feet suitable for small aircraft operations like ATR-42 type of aircrafts.

Kingfisher Airlines operates four flights per week on Delhi-Pantnagar-Delhi route with ATR-42 type of aircraft, which will be on daily basis with effect from 1st August 2011.

In addition, Government has laid down route dispersal guidelines with a view to achieve 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 including Pantnagar depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. As such airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of route dispersal guidelines issued by the Government.