

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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DISCONTINUATION OF FLIGHT SERVICES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for discontinuation of daily flight service between Indore and Delhi and Indore and Mumbai by the Go Air despite high occupancy rate in this sector;
- (b) the number of passengers ferried during the month in which the services of this Airlines were withdrawn;
- (c) whether it was done to benefit the other Airlines;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to resume air service on this route alongwith the time frame fixed for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS & MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) to (d):- As informed by Go Air, they discontinued air services on Mumbai-Indore-Mumbai sector from 1st September, 2010. Their passenger load factor during the month of August, 2010 on Mumbai- Indore route was 40% and on Indore-Mumbai route 55%. The air services on Delhi-Indore-Delhi were withdrawn by Go Air on 15th December, 2010. Their passenger load factor in the month of December, 2010 on Delhi-Indore route was 64% and that on Indore-Delhi route as 67%.

(e):- At present, the details of scheduled air services available on Delhi-Indore-Delhi and Mumbai-Indore-Mumbai routes are as follows:

Delhi-Indore-Delhi

Jet Airways Daily

JetLite Twice Daily

IndiGo Daily

Mumbai-Indore-Mumbai

Air India Daily

Jet Airways Daily

JetLite Twice Daily

Kingfisher Daily

Operations in domestic sector have been deregulated and flights are being operated by concerned airlines on the basis of commercial viability subject to adherence of Route Dispersal Guidelines. 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 (RDG).