

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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AIR CONNECTIVITY

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken/proposes to take steps to provide air connectivity to the divisional cities of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; State-wise particularly Uttar Pradesh and Kota in Rajasthan;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to start air services between various cities particularly Indore and Khajuraho to promote tourism in the country;
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the time by which such services are likely to be started, city-wise; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (c):- Operations in domestic air 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.

At present, Scheduled air services are available to/from following 82 aerodromes/airports in the country: Hyderabad, Rajamundry, Tirupati, Vijaywada, Vizag, Dibrugarh, Guwahati, Jorhat, Lilabari, Silchar, Tezpur, Patna, Raipur, Delhi, Goa, Ahmedabad, Bhavnagar, Bhuj, Jamnagar, Kandla, Porbandar, Rajkot, Surat, Vadodara, Dharamshala, Kulu, Shimla, Jammu, Leh, Srinagar, Thoise, Ranchi, Bangalore, Belgaum, Hubli, Managalore, Mysore, Calicut, Cochin, Trivandrum, Bhopal, Gwalior, Indore, Jabalpur, Khajuraho, Aurangabad, Mumbai, Kolhapur, Nagpur, Nanded, Nasik, Pune, Imphal, Shillong, Aizwal, Dimapur, Bhubaneswar, Amritsar, Ludhiana, Jaipur, Jodhpur, Uadipur, Chennai, Coimbatore, Madurai, Salem, Trichy, Tuticorin, Agartala, Allahabad, Gorkhpur, Kanpur, Lucknow, Varanasi, Dehradun, Panthnagar, Bagdogra, Kolkata, Port Blair, Agatti, Chandigarh and Diu. No Airlines is operating from Kota.

(d) to (f):- At present, following air services are available from Indore and Khajuraho:-

Air India

Delhi-Bhopal-Indore-Mumbai and vice-versa Daily

Delhi-Varanasi-Khajuraho and V.V. Daily

Kingfisher

Mumbai-Indore and V.V. Daily

Jet Airways

Kahjuraho-Varanasi-Delhi and V.V. Daily

Indore-Bhopal-Raipur-Kolkata and V.V. Daily

Delhi-Indore-Delhi Daily

Mumbai-Indore and V.V. Daily