

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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SURAT AIRPORT
Maadam Shri Vikrambhai Arjanbhai

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether development work of Surat Airport has been completed;
- (b) if so, the number of scheduled flights are operated at Surat Airport;
- (c) the major cities directly connected by air with Surat Airport and future planning to increase number of flights and air connectivity from Surat Airport; and
- (d) the time by which the terminal building of Surat Airport would become operational for all purposes?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) Presently, there is only one flight being operated on the Delhi- Surat- Delhi Sector six days a week.
- (c) Domestic Airlines Operators are free to operate anywhere in India including Surat airport depending upon commercial viability, traffic potential and available infrastructure at airports and subject to compliance of route dispersal guidelines issued by the Government.
- (d) The new Terminal Building has already been commissioned in June,2008.