

**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) the State Capitals and District Headquarters which have not been connected by air to Delhi so far, State-wise;
- (b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Union Government to connect them by air route;
- (c) whether certain proposals to connect Medinipur town to Kolkata have been pending; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a):- At present, scheduled air services are available to/from 82 airports which includes places of religious importance and tourist destinations (Annexure-I). Following State/ Union Territory (UT) capitals are not connected to Delhi:-

Sl.No. State/UT Capital

- 1 Aunachal Pradesh Itanagar
2. Gujarat Gandhi Nagar (Ahmedabad is connected)
3. Nagaland Kohima
4. Sikkim Gangtok
5. Daman and Diu Daman (Diu is connected)
6. Dadra & Nagar Haveli Silvassa
7. Lakshadweep Kavaratti
8. Pondicherry Pondicherry
9. Assam Dispur (Guwahati is connected)

(b):- 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).

(c) and (d):- No Such proposal is pending with the Ministry.