

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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CONSTRUCTION OF AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated/proposes to formulate any comprehensive scheme/programme for construction of new airports and for enhancing air services and facilities in the State of Karnataka especially Mysore city;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the names of the countries from where direct flights to/from Mysore are available under consideration;
- (d) the details of airlines which have cancelled their services to Mysore along with the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to curb such arbitrary steps by various airlines?

Answer

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a) & (b): Government of India has accorded 'in-principle approval' to the State Government of Karnataka for setting up of airports at Gulbarga, Bijapur, Hassan and Shimoga under new Greenfield airport policy. Airports Authority of India (AAI) has already developed Mysore airport for ATR operations. The 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 country. However, it is upto the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability while complying with the route dispersal guidelines.

(c): At present, no airline is operating to Mysore airport.

(d) and (e): Kingfisher Airlines was operating ATR flights to Mysore airport till 8th November, 2011 after which flights have been discontinued. Flights are operated by concerned airlines on the basis of commercial viability subject to adherence of route dispersal guidelines.