

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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AIR LINKS WITH MAHARASHTRA  
Sainuji Shri Kowase Marotrao

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the States having air link with Maharashtra at present;
- (b) the names of the State capitals having air link with Mumbai;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to link Mumbai and Nagpur with the capitals of the remaining States;
- (d) if so, the names of the cities having air link with Nagpur; and
- (e) the details of the proposed schemes to air link Nagpur with other cities?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a):- At present, States which are air linked with Maharashtra are Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhatisgarh, Delhi, Goa, Gujarat, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

(b):- State capitals which are air linked with Mumbai are Bhubaneshwar, Bhopal, Bangalore, Koikata, Delhi, Panji (Goa), Hyderabad, Chandigarh, Jammu/Srinagar, Ranchi, Jaipur, Lucknow, Chennai, Patna, Raipur and Trivandrum.

(c) to (e):- Cities having air link with Nagpur are Delhi, Pune, Nanded, Hyderabad, Mumbai, Bangalore, Indore, Raipur and Koikata.

Operations in the 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 achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air connectivity of different regions of the country including the 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 the Route Dispersal Guidelines.