

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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LINKING OF MAJOR RELIGIOUS PLACES  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to link all major religious tourist places with national/international air services;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, locationwise; and
- (c) the time by which all such places are likely to be linked with air service?

**Answer**

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

(a)to(c):- At present, scheduled air services are available to/from 82 airports which includes places of religious importance and tourist destinations (Annexure-I).

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).