

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Bagdogra airport in Darjeeling district under Indian Air Force opens up for civil flights everyday for some time to facilitate for air connectivity civil population;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is also considering to open up Kalaikunda airport under Indian Air Force for some hours for civil aviation benefiting thousands of passengers from south Bengal on the line of Bagdogra Airport;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a): Yes Madam. Watch hours of Bagdogra Airport open up for civil flights everyday. The watch hours are as follows:
Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday/Saturday from 0800 hours to 1600 hours IST.

Wednesday and Sunday from 0700 hours to 1600 hours IST.

(b),(c)&(d): There is no such proposal.